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Top Aqua Show Makes Debut At Pool Opening

The hospital swimming pool, closed the last few months while it was being enclosed, will be officially reopened Wednesday night at 1900 with an all-star swimming revue, "The Water Varieties of 1951," as the main attraction.

Patients and personnel of the hospital will be treated to the first staging of the all-new show, which has been arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Art Olsen, parents of the famed Olympic star, Zoe Ann Olsen.

Headlining the cast will be Morly Shapiro, 16-year-old Jewish Olympic Diving champion who lifted the eyes of critics last year when he shattered records at the Macabean Games. With Shapiro will be Carla Fisher, whom the Olsens admit, shows more progress at 16 than their own famous daughter did at the same age. Miss Fisher participated in the National Outdoor Swimming and Diving Championships last year at High Point, North Carolina, and placed seventh and eighth in a field of 20 experienced competitors. She has been competing for only one year, and is already being touted for national honors.

The show will be new in many respects. It will combine singing, dancing, diving and swimming. There will be water ballets, can-can numbers, comedy acts, variety acts, and even a blues singer.

One of the performers, Eric Guest, who will do a bicycle routine with Kathy Simpson, will be performing for the last time as a civilian. The morning after the show, next Thursday, he reports for active duty in the service. Guest, an Australian by birth, is a former member of the famous Victorian Recreation Association.

Some of the top features of the program will be five girls doing a water can-can number, and then being followed by five men imitating them. There will be a fluorescent sequence featuring musical background and shimmering mermaids. Two of the top water comedians in the country will be on hand to bring many a laugh to the surface.

Charlotte Kerl will sing in the blues tempo, and Sue Bropst with Sally Phillips will put on their popular "Dance Ballerina Dance."

The show in its new form will be presented here for the first time anywhere. It has been in the making for some months now, and if it is anything like past aqua pageants staged by the Olsen family, it's bound to be a lulu.

Dinah Shore Brings Songs and Smiles to Wounded



Dinah Shore, star of stage, screen, and radio, won the hearts and the applause of all who heard and saw her when she toured the wards last Saturday, singing the latest popular songs as only she can sing them. Among the many who succumbed to her charms were the four Marine Corps patients pictured with her above. They are, left to right: SGT Fred Mitchell, CPL W. W. Frazier, CPL H. W. Koone, and PFC E. D. Midkiff. At the right, the station photographer caught the captivating Hollywood songstress midway through one of her hit songs.

Included in Miss Shore's repertoire were "You Made Me Love You," "Tennessee Waltz," "Yes, My Darling Daughter," and "Nobody's Chasing Me." With her able assistants, The Daydreamers, and Ticker Freeman, her faithful accompanist, she also came forth with "Bushel and a Peck," "Buttons and Bows," and "My Heart Cries for You."

The Daydreamers, currently appearing over KLAC-TV in Los Angeles, filled in the program with other popular numbers while Miss Shore rested her overworked larynx. They are Wayne Dunstan, Jim Brown, Ricky Reese, Jack Elliott, and Randy Horn, who acted as MC, arranger, and pianist for the quartet.

Following their Oak Knoll appearance, the entertainers moved on to Mare Island to bring New Year cheer to patients in the Naval Hospital there.



ARC Finds Family For Lonesome PFC Returning From Korea

The happiest man on Ward 44A last Saturday morning was Pfc. Raleigh W. Herbert, USMC. He was one of the unhappiest when he arrived from Korea via Travis Air Base Friday. The 19-year-old Marine, his legs peppered with gunshot wounds, was the picture of gloom when a Red Cross worker suggested that he telephone home. (Free calls

are arranged for each returning casualty through the kindness of the San Francisco Call Bulletin.)

But this idea brought no response from the sad young patient. Upon questioning, he reluctantly told the Red Cross worker his troubles. His father died in August, leaving Pfc. Herbert and his mother to care for ten younger children. The last word

he had received from his mother in Monaville, West Virginia, had indicated that the family was moving out of their old home there on 15 December—where, his mother had not known at the time she wrote. So here was Herbert—a man without a family at a time when he wanted one most.

The Red Cross wrote the happy

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A "Well Done" From The CO

The response of the entire hospital staff—officers, enlisted, and civilian employees—during the emergency which confronted us shortly before the holiday season began was magnificent. In spite of cancellation of all military leaves because of this unprecedented situation, there were no complaints from anyone. Everyone performed his assigned duties in a highly satisfactory manner, and each member of the staff cheerfully and willingly put in countless extra hours of duty wherever his services were needed.

Although no one department deserves more credit than any other, I feel that special mention should be made of the safety record established by our civilian and Navy drivers who transported so many patients quickly and safely to and from Travis Air Force Base under extremely difficult conditions.

To all hands I extend a sincere and well deserved "Well Done."

—S. S. COOK,
Captain, MC, USN,
Commanding Officer.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you as by the attitude you bring to life; not so much by what happens to you as by the way your mind looks at what happens. Circumstances and situations do color life but you have been given the mind to choose what the color shall be.

—JOHN HOMER MILLER

MY FRIEND WAS THERE

"You're isolated, flat in bed;
None can come in," is what they said.
But He came in, was there each day;
They could not keep my Friend away.

All other ones stood by the door;
They must not pass the threshold o'er.
But He came in—He had no fear;
I felt His presence always near.

In early morning, noon and night
My room was radiant with His light.
Yes, He was there; came in each day—
They could not keep my Friend away.

I saw Him in the doctor's care
And in the white-robed nurses there;
In those who helped my ills to mend,
I felt the presence of my Friend.

—ROYAL B. FISHBECK

We grow great by dreams. All big men are dreamers. They see things in the soft haze of a spring day or in the red fire of a long winter's evening. Some of us let these great dreams die, but others nourish and protect them, nurse them through bad days till they bring them to the sunshine and light which come always to those who sincerely hope that their dreams will come true.

—WOODROW WILSON

Divine Services

Protestant:
Chaplain—James D. Hester, E. L. Wade
Sunday—
Sunday School, Bldg. 133, 0945
Nursery, Bldg. 133, 1100
Church Service, Chapel, 1100
Monday—
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office, 1800
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
The Chaplains' offices are located in Ward 40-A.

Catholic:
Chaplain—A. T. Wallace, W. Trower.
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
1215 in Catholic Oratory

Confessions before Mass.
Mass Monday to Saturday, 0645, 1150.
Novena and Study Club, Tuesdays, 1900

Bus service has been arranged for ward patients for both Catholic and Protestant divine services. The bus will pick up patients fifteen minutes before each service and return them to their respective wards after each service.

Red Cross Ramblings

LONG-HAIRED MUSIC: Many people unfamiliar with light opera have found Miss Lillian Gale of Oakland not only a very attractive brunette, but also possessor of a well-trained voice. She has just completed a season with the San Francisco Opera company. Every Friay she sings selections from musical comedy and light opera on the wards. Orchids to her as one of the coming operatic performers in the Bay Area.

LEARN TO DANCE: How many times while scanning your local tabloid have you read the above caption? We have dancing classes on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Red Cross Lounge for beginners and for those who are interested in learning the more intricate steps such as rhumba, samba, and the revived Charleston. Don't be a wallflower when one of our hostesses asks you to dance and you hesitate. Now, you too, can be a master of the terpsichorean art!! Classes begin at 1300; bring your ward pal and join in the fun.

WHAT BETTER TIME THAN NOW? Are you interested in art, language, or music? There are several excellent teachers volunteering their time here to instruct anyone interested in these arts. Mrs. John Collins of Berkeley teaches popular piano, and Mrs. Lingert will assist any patients to learn Spanish or French. In the Art department there is Mrs. Anne Rear. See the Red Cross Worker on your ward.

CRAFTS: Have you visited our craft shop since your arrival here? It is in Building 31 (adjacent to Ward 42). There is a wide array of available materials for all types of handicrafts and arts. Pottery and ceramics make fine gifts for the folks back home. It's a cinch with the wide assortment of molds and colored glazes which you can use to mark each item as your own individual handwork. Fire them right there in the Red Cross kiln, too!!

Excellent designs and fine gauge copper, plus a little elbow grease add up to one of the loveliest wall decorations for any home. The old favorites, weaving and leatherwork, remain among the top choices, and are always nice for gifts, or to retain in your personal collection. Scarfs, belts, shawls, bracelets, rings, and purses—a multitude of easy-to-make articles are awaiting you at the Red Cross Craft Shop. Necessary materials and expert assistance are yours for the asking five days a week from 0900 to 1130 and 1300 until 1600, Monday through Friday. The Shop is also open Monday and Wednesday evenings from 1900 to 2100. Bed patients have almost as wide a range to select for bedside crafts. Ask the Gray Lady or staff worker when she is on your ward.

NURSES! NURSES! NURSES! If you were a patient on Ward 41-A or 42-B Wednesday evening, 27 December, you would have observed a bevy of lovely young student nurses on the ward. They were dressed in their deep blue cotton uniforms with the white apron type over them and starched caps on their brown, red, and blonde heads. A trio presented a variety of holiday songs to the accompaniment of Hawaiian guitars. They are studying at the Alameda County Hospital. The dietitian accompanied the group here and rendered songs from the recent Broadway hit "South Pacific." During the

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

24 December

HYDE, Ronald Dennis, to wife of Helen Hyde, YN3, 6 pounds, 13½ ounces.
ROBERTS, Mildred Elaine, to wife of Billy Roberts, HM2, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
STEWART, Karen Anne, to wife of Richard Stewart, QM1, 5 pounds.
BURKE, David Allen, to wife of James Burke, AE2, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

25 December

RIDENHOWER, Jan Charles, to wife of Charles Ridenhower, HMC, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
EYENS, Paula Ann, to wife of Paul Eyens, RDSN, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
GLENDINNING, Katherine Josephine, to wife of James Glendinning, Jr., M1, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
NOIA, Margaret Joan, to wife of Robert Noia, Sgt., 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
MATHER, Edward Alton, to wife of Everett Mather, YN3, 8 pounds, 8½ ounces.
DOLMSETH, Richard Edward, to wife of Richard Dolmseth, AL3, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
HERVEY, John Michael, to wife of Jack Hervey, AK1, 8 pounds, 1½ ounces.

26 December

BASS, Linda Ann, to wife of George Bass, ADC, 7 pounds, 5½ ounces.
PEARCE, Lawrence E., to wife of John Pearce, LTJG, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
YATES, Deborah Jane, to wife of Beryl Yates, AA, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
READ, Phillip N., Jr., to wife of Philip Read, FA, 6 pounds, 6½ ounces.

27 December

BISHOP, Sherita Ann, to wife of Byron Bishop, MM2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
CARMAN, Sally Claire, to wife of Charles Carman, LT, 7 pounds, ½ ounce.
WEST, Cheryl Layne, to wife of John West, ENC, 7 pounds, 8¼ ounces.
CROOK, Steven Glenn, to wife of Glenn Crook, DK1, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.
NAMECK, Kenneth Jon, to wife of John Nameck, AD2, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

28 December

PARKOS, Stephen Adelard, to wife of Bernard Parkos, GM1, 6 pounds, 2½ ounces.
FLICKINGER, Patricia Lynn, to wife of Forrest Flickinger, ENC, 8 pounds, 6½ ounces.
McREYNOLDS, Audrey Lynn, to wife of Buster McReynolds, AN, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
DOMMERT, Danny Albert, to wife of Garland Dommert, BM1, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.
COBURN, Patricia Gay, to wife of Lonice Coburn, M/Sgt., 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
BOONE, Kathleen Elaine, to wife of Herbert Boone, AA, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

29 December

LEE, Linda Carole, to wife of Boyd Lee, LTJG, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
STUART, Janet Lee, to wife of Walter Stewart, LTJG, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
BERBERABE, Selina Duag, to wife of Pedro Berberabe, SN, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
DAVIDSON, Victoria Ann, to wife of Kenneth Davidson, BM3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
HANECAK, James Paul, II, to wife of James Hanecek, FC3, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
HARPER, Catherine, to wife of William Harper, 1st Lt., 8 pounds, 11½ ounces.
NORRIS, Patricia Jean, to wife of Alfred Norris, LCDR, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
PELLEGGRI, Patricia Ann, to wife of Rudolph Pellegrini, PIC, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.
REASON, Patricia Marie, to wife of Jack Reason, AM2, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

30 December

MENDENHALL, Patricia Hene, to wife of Richard Mendenhall, SK1, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
WILLIAMS, Glen Ellis, to wife of Charles Williams, MMC, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
DUMOND, Barbara Sue, to wife of Joseph Dumond, BM3, 5 pounds, 7 ounces.
SWARTZ, Renee Sandra, to wife of Charles Swartz, Cpl., 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

musical program some of the nurses passed out refreshments to the bed patients. Many queries were made by the patients, such as "Could we be your patients when you graduate?" We hope these student nurses will make another visit soon. This and other parties to come on future Wednesday evenings are under the sponsorship of the Alameda County Employees Association.

March of Dimes Opens Here, 15 January

The yearly March of Dimes campaign to raise funds for the care of polio victims throughout the country, will start on 15 January and run until 31 January. In the past, Oak Knoll has always gone over the top when it came to donating for this worthy cause, and a substantial collection of dimes and dollars is expected again this year.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

STUFF 'N STUFF: To prove that she does spend her week ends fishing (and not on the prowl), Chief Katie Robinson brought back a 23-inch whopper and flaunted it in Derf's face — Some of Occupational Therapy's corpsmen received breakable gifts from Santa — I hear tell the WAVES do their best "dishing" (an old Hindustan word meaning "to gossip") after lights out. Dishing is so much more fun than sleeping, isn't it? — Bob Nordstrom and Al Figueroa have their own little "Music Lover's Club." They get together for jam sessions every day — Is it Bill Hinkley that I see groping his way over to the 2420 bus from Frisco every other liberty night? — Cecil Weaver has a new car and the story has gotten around that he used NINE, yes, nine quarts of oil in one hour. Are you sure it's a car? — Bill Van Atta is going on a strict reducing diet. From now on he's only going through the chow line twice — Jo Calderazzo spent New Year's in Santa Ana. To top off the week end, he became engaged — Bill Johnson was down at the Rose Bowl game. He's having a good time now because "it's later than you think." Wedding bells will peal for him in two weeks — Stan Miller's new flame is a cigar smoking waitress. I always wondered what those girls did with their tips — The night record office crew have dubbed Johnny Reische "Simon Legree" — Bill MacFarlane says he now knows why Reveille is at 0600 and duty begins at 0800. It takes that long to get through the chow line! — Ship's Company boasts some new and unusual rates (at least, they are unusual for a hospital): Fire Control, Gunner's Mates, Motor Maes, Machinist Mates, etc. — Notice those HN's with the worried looks? They're taking the exam for Third Class — The fellows in Sanitation School are going to get an extra month's taste of our mountain climbing. Their school term has been extended for one month — Ken Schwartz has the kind of ex-bosses I hope to have some day. He received TWO one hundred dollar checks from them for Christmas — Bill Schmidt calls Wednesdays "Hump Day" because it's the middle of the week — If nothing else, lab training has taught John Sidwell which chemicals are best as spot removers — Bill Gulles won't wear his white cap at a jaunty angle any more.

Clerk, to a sweet young thing in a form-fitting sweater: "Would you like to step outside and try it for whistles before you decide?"

Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll gained one staff member during the week of 27 December through 3 January as 14 were detached and 15 reported aboard.

Detached were LCDR E. J. Madden, to Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, FFT; B. J. Dagen, HM1, to USNRS, Treasure Island, FFT; G. I. Wagoner, HM2, to Sanitation School, Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, Denver, Colorado; C. E. Booker, HM2, to USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; HM3 C. M. Simmons, H. L. Crenshaw, and J. D. Bernstein, to FMF, Camp Pendleton, California; W. L. Fleming, HN, to USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; and HN's E. Eisenstat, L. W. Folletta, R. S. Harbour, H. R. Mayette, F. R. Munce, and S. Tomasello, to FMF, Camp Pendleton, California.

Reporting aboard were LTJG J. J. Likos, from USS Montrose, (APA-212); LTJG Margaret L. Larson, from inactive duty; ENS's Margaret M. Dooley, Marjorie A. Lloyd, and Sheila A. O'Leary, from USNH, Jacksonville, Florida; MML1's R. F. Bradley, and C. E. Durham, from USNRS, Treasure Island, California; R. E. Gometz, HM2, from National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland; E. F. Fallace, SOG2, A. W. Clempner, DCW2, R. J. Bruce, FCS3, P. Bielecki, FCS3, J. H. Thomas, FCSSN, J. E. Schroder, SN, and E. E. Smothers, GMMSN, from USNRS, Treasure Island, California.

There are two times when a person knows he should not spend money . . . before and after.

"Remember, my son," said the mother as she bade him goodbye, "when you get to camp try to be punctual in the mornings, so as not to keep breakfast waiting."

Hits Jackpot—With a Sledge Hammer

LT Frank M. Thornburg has been trying to hit the jackpot at the Officers' Club ever since he reported to the hospital to serve as anesthesiologist more than two years ago. But, one by one, the one-armed bandits picked his pocket. Although the doctor is a persevering fellow, he had just about given up. Then last Tuesday, his big chance came. "You can't fail to hit the jackpot this time," the Executive Officer said, handing him a sledge hammer. Destruction of the slot machines, which provided a substantial share of the Club's support, followed President Truman's signing of the Federal slot machine bill which banned slot machines from Federal lands.



LTJG Cornelius J. Griffin, CHC, USN, wounded Catholic chaplain now convalescing here, shows on map where he was wounded in Korea. Shown, left to right, visiting him on Ward 66A, are LCDR A. T. Wallace, CHC, USN, of the hospital staff, Most Reverend Merlin Guilfoyle, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, and Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer of the hospital.

Wounded Priest Tells Story Of Red Attack On Wounded

Officers' Wives To Meet Wednesday

Officers' Wives will meet for luncheon at 12:30, Wednesday, 10 January, at Villa de la Paix.

Reservations are being handled by Mrs. C. Paul Johnson, 9010 Barcelona Street, Oakland. Baby sitters will be available at the Club.

The hospital logged in its first chaplain casualty of the war last week when LTJG Cornelius J. Griffin, CHC, USN, was admitted for treatment of wounds he received in Korea.

Father Griffin, a 30-year-old priest from Indianapolis, Indiana, ordained in 1948, entered the Navy shortly thereafter. He also served in the Navy during World War II. Early in this war he was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, and saw service with them from Inchon to the Changjin Reservoir. Known as "the Padre" among his men, Father Griffin was the fourth Navy chaplain wounded in the Korean conflict.

When the Marines were making their heroic withdrawal from the jaws of a Chinese Communist trap in Northeast Korea, Father Griffin was with them. One night in an ambulance, shortly after he had administered the last rites to a dying Marine, Father Griffin was wounded by ambushing Communists. A 45-caliber slug tore into his jaw, ripped open his shoulder and fractured his right arm. His assistant, a young Marine sergeant sitting beside him, whom he had known since leaving the United States, was killed instantly when one of the slugs hit him in the head.

"That was the toughest thing of all," comments the young priest when speaking of his sergeant friend. "He had just dozed off, and was probably dreaming of his young wife who is expecting a baby. You don't find finer gentlemen than that boy, nor do you find better Marines."

Many Marines who had known Father Griffin in Korea, and who are now convalescing here, heard for the first time last week that he was alive. Needless to say, he has had many visitors since his arrival.

Father Griffin will probably be hospitalized for a year or more while plastic surgeons build up a new jaw for him.

PREVIEWS

7 January

THE MUDLARK—Irene Dunne, Alec Guinness. **DRAMA.** The story of this British-made film revolves around a youngster who prowls the banks of the Thames in search of articles of value, thereby receiving the name "mudlark." He sets out to see Queen Victoria and ends up in prison. His imprisonment helps Disraeli (Alec Guinness) put through a bill bringing about needed reforms. Miss Dunne, as Queen Victoria, may have to give up her spot as star to young Andrew Ray, who plays the "mudlark." Rated good.

8 January

CARGO TO CAPETOWN—Ellen Drew, Broderick Crawford. **MELODRAMA.** This is another of Columbia's serious films with two of their best performers playing the lead. Released during the past summer, it made a hit with audiences. Rated good.

9 January

TOMAHAWK—Van Heflin, Preston Foster. No information available on this film.

10 January

GENE AUTRY AND THE MOUNTIES—Gene Autry, Pat Buttram. **WESTERN.** Gene Autry and Scat (Pat Buttram), his deputy, trail some gangsters to Canada. There they meet a young mountie whose partner has been killed by the same bandits. The mountie is wounded so Autry takes him to a cabin where the outlaw's niece and nephew live. The niece is attracted to the young mountie but the nephew hates all peace officers. He goes to the outlaw camp to report the arrival of Autry and his group, but Autry follows him and is captured. After several skirmishes and the kidnapping of his sister, the nephew realizes his mistake and helps Autry capture the gang. No rating has been made as yet.

11 January

CALIFORNIA PASSAGE—Adele Mara, Forrest Tucker. **WESTERN.** This is the story of two men who have a strong dislike for each other but operate as partners in a saloon. They manage to maintain amicable business relations but one of them becomes a leader in an outlaw gang. In a killing that follows, the innocent partner is blamed. The truth finally comes to light and the erring partner is killed in a gunfight. Rated good.

12 January

HALLS OF MONTEZUMA—Richard Widmark, Joyse McKenzie. **MELODRAMA.** This is supposed to be one of 20th Century Fox's top color pictures. Not yet released to the general public, it has received a rating of superior by all reviewers.

13 January

THE CHAMPION—Kirk Douglas, Marilyn Maxwell. This is a powerful story that pulls no punches in telling the seamy side of the fight racket, and of the "champion" built up as a symbol of clean-living sportsmanship, but who in private life destroyed family and friends to reach the top. Kirk Douglas plays the part of the fighter. He loses all his fame in the end when he dies from a brain hemorrhage. Received a rating of very good.

Chiefs No. 1 and X-ray Cling To Lead In Oak Knoll Bowling Tournament

Despite all the interruptions of the holiday season, the Oak Knoll bowling tournament managed to keep under way with few changes being made in the standings. Chiefs No. 1 and X-ray continue to lead their respective leagues by fairly comfortable margins. The MAA's ran up against a stone wall in their match with Chiefs No. 1 and came out on the short end of the horn, 4-0. As usual, the match ended up with Chief Hasbrook breaking the old record for one game by knocking the pins around to the tune of 226. He also garnered high three game honors with 562.

Chiefs No. 1 now hold most of the honors in the current tournament. They hold all three positions on the scoreboard for high game totals with their 2314 for last Tuesday leading all others.

In the only change in the league standings, CPO's No. 2 took the measure of Welfare and Recreation by winning a 4-0 match. Welfare had their worst night of the tournament and were handicapped by having only four men on their team. Chief Caviana led the CPO Keglers to victory with a three game total of 488, while Chief Boone was high for one game with a total of 181.

This match dropped Welfare into last place in their league, with the Chiefs moving up one notch in Welfare's old position.

It has been difficult for Commissioner Hasbrook to get the teams together for matches during the past two weeks because of the many activities taking place on the station. However, it is hoped that all the games that had to be postponed can be made up in the near future. For information as to the games your team needs to make up and when to play them, call Chief Hasbrook at Public Works.

51 Civilian Workers Give Blood For Korea

When the Blood Mobile from the Red Cross Blood Donor Center at 354 Hobart Street spent last Friday at Oak Knoll, 51 pints of much-needed whole blood were donated for shipment to Korea by civilian members of the staff. Twenty would-be donors were unable to give, and many who were on leave have expressed a desire to give whenever the mobile unit returns to the hospital.

Arrangements for the Civilian Blood Donation were made by Thomas R. Newsom, Personnel Assistant.



"I know a good way you can keep from being drafted! Go down and enlist!"

Pants With Zippers To Join U.S. Fleet

Washington (AFPS)—The Navy's modified enlisted men's blue trousers now are authorized for dress or undress uniform wear. The Secretary of the Navy has authorized their issue and sale in sizes in which stocks of the traditional buttoned front style have been exhausted.

The new trousers differ from the more familiar type in that they have pockets and zipper fly front. As stocks of each additional size of the buttoned front style are depleted, commands are to sell or issue the zipper front style.

SecNav's directive explains that either the button front or zipper front style is regulation. As such, either trousers may be worn for dress or undress in all naval units.

Palo Alto Lions Club Donates Television Set

Through the efforts of Mrs. Harold Otis of Palo Alto, the Palo Alto Lions Club presented a table model Motorola television set to Ward 51-A on Friday, 22 December.

Mrs. Otis, whose son, Cpl. Harrison Otis, USMC, is convalescing on Ward 81-B, started the ball rolling among the Palo Alto group, and although it was a rush job, they were able to get the set installed before Christmas.

Happy Ending

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ending to his story. A telephone call was placed at 1750 to the Chapter in Monaville. The Chapter in Monaville got on the line, calling the ARC Chapter in Geneva, Illinois, and at 0805, Saturday morning, the Geneva Chapter telephoned Oak Knoll to let Private Herbert know that his family is comfortable and happily located at the Mooseheart Home there and waiting eagerly to hear from him.

Law's Eagle Eye Spots a Culprit

Oakland, Calif. (AFPS)—Inspector G. L. Hash, of the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, finished his after-dinner address before a group of peace officers recently with a brilliant flourish.

Displaying a photograph of a man to the gathering he asked: "Anyone know him?"

The steely-eyed law officials scanned the picture professionally, acknowledging it looked familiar. With this Hash walked dramatically over to the bartender and laid the cold hand of the law on the surprised man. He was the man in the picture and wanted for entering the country illegally from New Zealand in 1921.

Then there was the Wave who always warned her escorts: "Before going on this date, bub, there's one thing I want distinctly understood: Although I'm a seaman second, I'm a lady first!"

Who's Who . . .

Charles W. Atwill, HM2, USNR, of the Personnel Office, was recalled to active duty from the reserves 13 August this year, and reported to Oak Knoll on the 27th of the same month.



Eastman, Georgia, is Atwill's home town, but it was in Macon that he first signed on with the Navy in August, 1943. It seems that all of Atwill's firsts in the service happen in the month of August.

Charlie's civilian occupation was an interesting one of being a mortician. He holds a degree in mortuary science from the Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary Science in Nashville, Tennessee, and he is a licensed funeral director and embalmer in the states of Tennessee and Georgia. So, he is particularly well-prepared for his detail in the Deceased Patients Section of the Record Office.

Charlie and his wife Jean spend most of their spare time bowling or going to movies.

Bill Macfarlane, HM3, chose the Navy as his service in 1946. It was then that he walked into a recruiting office in Denver, Colorado, and

signed on the dotted line.

He reported to Oak Knoll from the Treasure Island Receiving Station 22 December this year. His present home address is Box 97, Portola, Calif.



Before entering the service, Bill was a student at the University of Wyoming.

His spare time is usually taken up by hunting, fishing and swimming, with a bit of skiing and ice skating thrown in when the season and location allows.

Rex Ayers, HM3, of the Central Supply Room staff, is a native of Alma, Michigan, and first joined the Navy in Detroit in 1943. In July, 1950, he once again returned to Detroit and once again he left wearing the Navy Blue.

He reported to Oak Knoll in August. This was his first assignment since coming out of the reserves to active duty.

He and his wife, DeLoris, and their children, Darlene, 6, and Carol, 2, now reside at 4227 St. Andrews Road, Oakland. Before returning to active duty, he worked as a salesman.

Reading is his favorite spare time activity, but "souped-up" automobiles, affectionately termed "hot-rods," are popular with Rex.

As a civilian he was active in American Legion and Lions Club affairs, and he is a past chairman of the 1950 Michigan Paul Bunyon Day Safety Committee. Rex boasts of having been in 32 states and six countries.



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WATER VARIETIES OF 1951



MAKE THEIR DEBUT AT KNOLL POOL



Bruce Harlan, Olympic and National Diving Champion from Ohio State, thrills the crowd, assembled for last Wednesday's Water Variety show, with a perfectly executed front somersault dive. The women's ballet group, center, poses after completing one of their colorful numbers, and ballet mistress, Moira Stone, who also gave a fine exhibition of diving, poses at right.

Corpsman Awarded Bronze Star For Heroism Against Enemy

Francis J. Wendolovski, HM3, USN, was awarded the "Bronze Star" by Captain E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN, Chief of Surgery, at ceremonies held here Monday. The award came as a result of Wendolovski's "courage, ingenuity, and heroism while evacuating wounded Marines under fire during the battle for Seoul in Korea."

On the 15th of September, the First Marine Division landed on Inchon, and proceeded toward Seoul. Shortly afterward, the First Regiment crossed the Han River on the outskirts of Seoul.

Wendolovski, Navy corpsman attached to the regiment, on duty in a battalion aid station, was assigned to bring in about 12 wounded Marines from a hut a half mile from the aid station where they had been placed for safety.

Wendolovski, another corpsman, and a driver, left in an ambulance-jeep to rescue the wounded. Unable to reach the building by vehicle, the party of three men ran to the hut with stretchers through an open rice field under fire for 300 yards. Wendolovski began giving whatever med-

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Francis J. Wendolovski, HM3, 20, of Roosevelt, Long Island, New York, was presented the Bronze Star Medal by Captain E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN, during ceremonies held last Monday. Wendolovski was cited for his heroism and ingenuity in evacuating wounded Marines, while under fire, in Korea.

Aqua Show Brings Outstanding Amateur Swimmers To Hospital

A crowd of over 200 spectators took up all available space around the station swimming pool Wednesday night, as the pool was officially recommissioned, and the Water Varieties of 1951 made their debut performance.

After introductory remarks by Captain J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Executive Officer, a host of talented swimmers took over to provide the crowd with two very pleasant and entertaining hours. There were swimmers, divers, dancers, and singers. There was beauty, grace, skill and comedy.

It would be hard to pick the top act of the evening. The show was made up almost wholly of amateurs, but as good as these young future champions were, one can't discuss the evening's fare without paying special heed to Bruce Harlan, Olympic Diving Champion from Ohio State, and presently varsity diving coach at Stanford. The winner of many national and world titles, Harlan's feats were all performed while he was still an amateur. His professionalism, it goes without saying, did nothing to tarnish the AAU luster of the show.

Harlan put on a diving exhibition par excellence, and then teamed up with Merlin Searight, Navy diving champion, for a bit of comedy that was the perfect nightcap for a stellar performance.

Of course, the diving of Carla Fisher and Morley Shapiro was the featured attraction, but neither of the youngsters could match Harlan.

It should be said however that Shapiro was making his first appearance since he won the Jewish Olympics in Tel Aviv last year. Miss Fisher, who has been diving only a year, shows courage and confidence that could very easily win her a place on the 1952 Olympic team.

Moira Stone, ballet mistress of the troupe, Bob Sherman, of San Francisco State, and Johnny White, of Richmond, entertained with a diving exhibition that left little to be desired.

Miss Stone swam with and directed the ballet numbers which were done very smoothly by the young group. Ballet performers were Joan Pawson, Sally Phillips, Sue Bropst, Kathy Simpson, Susan Pollard, Nancy Wallace, Linn Pawson and Jo Ann Bropst.

Eric Guest, formerly of the Victorian Athletic Club in Hong Kong, and who reported for duty with the Air Force the morning after the show, was a big hit with Kathy Simpson as they did a "Bicycle Built for Two" routine in the water. The couple treaded water with their feet for a full five minutes, using their arms for gestures outside the water.

A male comedy ballet team consisted of Guest, Harley Peterson, Craig Simpson, Sherman and White. In a fluorescent hula girl number, Audrey Ditmer provided the motion for a grass skirt.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Olsen, of the Athens Club, were responsible for bringing the show to Oak Knoll. Also

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Polio Foundation To Begin Drive

Around the world and at home, the March of Dimes is one of the favorite appeals of the Armed Forces. It's not too difficult to find the reason. It seems to be a matter of give-and-take between the Armed Forces and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

On the one hand, the National Foundation has shown itself ready at all times to help dependents of Service personnel when polio strikes; and the Armed Forces in turn not only consistently set records in contributing to the March of Dimes, but also assist the polio organization tremendously in emergency cases involving both civilian and military personnel.

Ships of the Navy, planes of the Military Air Transport Service, and Army trucks play dramatic roles in the program of help.

Now, after three peak years of polio incidence, huge sums of money are needed to meet the costs of long-term medical care and treatment, as well as to finance research into the cause, prevention, and cure of polio.

The 1951 March of Dimes campaign will begin 15 January and run through the 31st. As members of the Armed Forces, let's keep up the good work and do our part to help this worthy organization receive the funds so badly needed. When polio strikes, it takes many donations to care for one victim. You, or a member of your family, could be the victim.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

CONTENTMENT

Excuse my French, but the French word for "happy" is "content." That is what everybody wants, isn't it—to be happy, and content? What is the secret of happiness or contentment? Let us ask God, Who is the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

The word usually translated "blessed" in the Bible means "happy." Let us consider some of the uses of this word in the Holy Scripture. God's holy Son, the Lord Jesus Christ is our first Witness.

"Blessed art thou," He says to Simon Peter. Why? Because He had just asked His disciples a very profound and important question, and Simon Peter had given the right answer. The question was, "Whom do ye say that I am?" Peter's answer was, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Blessedness, or happiness, or contentment, then, begins with personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as one's own Saviour, Lord, and God. As Saviour, He lived for us, He died for our sins on the cross, and He rose again for our justification. Believe this with all your heart, and your soul shall live—you will be happy for time and eternity.

But sin can and does destroy even the Christian's happiness, at least temporarily. So, we read, in Psalms 1:1, "Blessed is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." Verse 2 goes on to say, "But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law does he meditate day and night."

Contentment is a state of mind, but of a mind and heart that is united to Christ by faith alone. That was the secret of the happiness and victory of the Apostle Paul, who, deserted by friends, persecuted by enemies, and sick and miserable physically, could write from the depths of a stinking Roman dungeon, "Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, Rejoice. . . For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

—(Philippians 4:4-11).

E. L. WADE

Protestant Chaplain

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—James D. Hester, E. L. Wade

Sunday—

Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....0945

Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100

Church Service, Chapel.....1100

Monday—

Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800

Holy Communion first Sunday in each

month.

The Chaplains' offices are located in Ward

40-A.

Catholic:

Chaplains—A. T. Wallace, W. Trower.

Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory

0900 in Large Chapel

1215 in Catholic Oratory

Confessions before Mass.
Mass Monday to Saturday, 0645, 1150.
Novena and Study Club, Tuesdays.....1900

Bus service has been arranged for ward patients for both Catholic and Protestant divine services. The bus will pick up patients fifteen minutes before each service and return them to their respective wards after each service.

Red Cross Ramblings

MOST POPULAR HOBBY!

Interest in stamp collecting is again on the up-grade, and thanks to the large number of excellent donations that the Red Cross has received from clubs and individuals in the nearby communities there are many fine stamps available for both the beginner and experienced collector. The Stamp Club meets topside, Community Service Building, at 1400 every Wednesday. If you are a bed patient, the Red Cross worker on your ward will help you to begin or further this hobby.

ALOHA!

To many of you who have visited Hawaii (request of Uncle Sam or as a tourist), the sound of a guitar reminds you of the surf and those dancing girls in the shredded wheat skirts. Miss Babette Carey of Oakland visited Wards 42-A, 76-B, and 49-A last Wednesday. Wearing a white nylon skirt and white feathered leis, she danced to the haunting melody of Sweet Leilani. She followed with a Hawaiian war chant. Miss June Winters sang several hit songs. The mistress of ceremonies was blonde Patricia Lynn. They promise to visit us soon again under the sponsorship of the Oakland Chapter of Red Cross.

CHECKMATE!

Yes, we played host again to the Chess team from the California School for the Blind in Berkeley, and we emerged not too badly defeated. These young men reserve the second Wednesday of each month for a trip to our hospital. Several set up their games in the Red Cross Lounge (Building 32), but the majority are assigned partners on various wards.

SKATING VANITIES

Seldom does one find a show that has the appeal and entertainment value that the Vanities exhibited last Wednesday evening. Skating Vanities has world-wide appeal—playing to audiences not only in the United States and Canada, but to enthusiastic audiences in Paris and London. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fitzpatrick and the Alameda County Employees Association sponsored this entertainment.

TALLYHO!

If anyone had ever told us that the United States Naval Hospital patients would participate in a real hifalutin' horse show and win prize ribbons to boot—but then, that's just what happened on Sunday afternoon, 7 January, at Cressmount Ring, Mills College. On the invitation of C. F. N. Cress, Director of the Horse Show, ten patients from the twenty-five invited spectators from this hospital mounted horses and teamed up with ten young ladies in a "matched pairs" events which had the audience in a riot of applause. Prominent among the elite participants (most of whom were dismayed to find themselves on a flat saddle and not a rootin'-tootin' western deal) were Pfc. R. Goodman, Ward 83-A, C. Boskey, SA, Ward 80-B, Gene Ware and "Pappy" Demandel of Ward 63-B, and Jordon, Folse, and others from Ward 65-B. The blue ribbon winner was R. Folse, 65-B, for his performance on that sterling silver nag "Stonewall Jackson."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

James E. Dansby, HN, Ward 42-A, celebrated his birthday Monday, 8 January. How many candles on that cake, Jim? Perhaps, unlike Jack Benny, you won't divulge your age! !

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

31 December

BUCK, Walter Henry, to wife of Walter Bueck, TE1, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
DICK, Hollie Marion, to wife of James Dick, ENS, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
GARRARD, Steven Douglas, to wife of Kenneth Garrard, AM2, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
GRESHAM, Lynn Constance, to wife of Richard Gresham, BT1, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
THOMPSON, Thomas Allen, to wife of Bill Thompson, MMC, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
TULLER, Sandra Lee, to wife of Charles Tuller, HMI, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
WYSONG, Roderick Cole, to wife of Robert Wysong, CS2, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

1 January

GRIFFIN, Kathleen Joanne, to wife of Wallace Griffin, LT, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
MORRISON, Diana Lynn, to wife of Calvin Morrison, EM3, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.
VANCE, Mable Ann, to wife of James Vance, MR3, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
HOPSEKER, Sharon Lee, to wife of Warren Hopseker, RM1, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.
ROCK, Valerie Terry, to wife of Raymond E. Rock, LT, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

2 January

HENDERSON, Boy, to wife of Carl Henderson, Sgt, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
PATTERSON, Carol Ann, to wife of Thomas Patterson, LTJG, 5 pounds, 1 ounce.
PRICE, William Lee, to wife of John Price, TDAN, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
LEA, Sandra Lynn, to wife of Calvin Lea, SN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
NEWCOMB, Craig Matthew, to wife of Donald Newcomb, AA, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

3 January

MASTEN, Kathryn Joyce, to wife of Wayne Masten, EM3, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
WRIGHT, Cheryl Lucille, to wife of Daniel Wright, Pfc, 6 pounds.
ARQUETTE, Paul Douglas, to wife of James Arquette, LT, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
SECHRIST, Dennis Michael, to wife of Kenneth Sechrist, YN1, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
RILEY, Michael Lindsay, to wife of Leon Riley, BTG2, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
SCHMIDT, Liana Marie, to wife of Keith Schmidt, Pfc, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.
WEDDLE, Kathleen Louise, to wife of August Weddle, SN, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

4 January

GUNDELFINGER, Joan, to wife of Benjamin Gundelfinger, LCDR, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
ZEIMET, Bonnie Louise, to wife of Thomas Zeimet, GM1, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.
CROSS, Ronald Wilbert, to wife of Wilbert Cross, QM1, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
GOSS, Della Marie, to wife of Cyril Goss, GM3, 7 pounds.

5 January

LOCK, Steven Joseph, to wife of Harold Lock, ACMM, 5 pounds, 5 ounces.
LEWIS, Katherine Lee, to wife of Robert Lewis, PNSN, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
DALL, Gary Eugene, to wife of Robert Dall, SN, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
EICKHORST, Geraldine Lou, to wife of Clarence Eickhorst, SN, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
CHRISTOFFERSEN, Terry Jean, to wife of Phill Christoffersen, CSI, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
BISHOP, Bonita, to wife of Lloyd Bishop, LT, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
SHANDA, Michael Troy, to wife of James Shanda, AD1, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

6 January

RUDE, Carla Marie, to wife of Carl Rude, GMM2, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
KRIDDLE, Diana Ruth, to wife of Charles Kriddle, LTJG, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
BOGOSIAN, Guy, to wife of Harry Bogosian, EMP3, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
LEWIS, Ronald Dale, to wife of Robert Lewis, RM3, 8 pounds.
KERSEY, Karen Yvonne, to wife of Donald Kersey, AD1, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
GADDIS, Johnnie M., to wife of Walter Gaddis, MM1, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
HANEY, Richard Dayton, to wife of Benjamin F. Haney, BM1, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.

An after-dinner speaker gushed on and on. Deacon Miller nodded and presently fell asleep. The chairman touched him on the head with the gavel. The Deacon opened one eye and said, "Hit me harder. I can still hear him."

Shakespeare must have been a T/Sgt because he said, "We can't not all be masters."

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Who's Who . . .

Eleanor R. Anderson, HMI, of X-ray is another one of the lucky reserves called back to active duty. Eleanor's summons came in November and she has been at Oak Knoll since then.

Things could be worse for Eleanor, or should we say Mrs. Anderson. She is near her husband, and they both reside at 1942 Channing Way in Berkeley. Woodland is her home town, but she has lived in Berkeley for some time.

Before coming back in the Navy, Eleanor worked as an X-ray technician at Herick Memorial Hospital in Berkeley, and she majored in Physical Education at the University of California.

During her first hitch in the Navy, which began in September, 1944, she served 18 months at Great Lakes, and six months at San Leandro.

Keeping house takes up most of her spare time, but she occasionally gets in a little knitting and bridge.



Joseph P. Henley, HM2, of the transfer desk in the Record Office, reported to Oak Knoll from Treasure Island 1 December, 1950, after being recalled to active duty from the Reserves.

Henley is from Asheboro, North Carolina, but between service hitches and at the present time, he has been a resident of San Francisco. He and his wife, Connie, and their nine-month-old daughter, Sandra, live at 439-A Chestnut Street.

As a civilian he was employed by the San Francisco Post Office. He devotes most of his spare time to watching television with his family. Football, bowling, and fishing are his favorite recreational activities.

While in the Navy the first time, he spent four months in Europe, and 18 months in the Pacific. He spent 30 months all-told in the service and took part in two major invasions.

Morris Muncie, HN, new part of the Record Office staff, comes to us via the reserves. Eveleth, Minnesota is where he first saw the light of day, but home is now listed as Duluth.

Morris reported to Oak Knoll 22 December, from Oceanside. He has been in "this time" since last August. During the last war he served in the South Pacific.



Prior to entering the Navy, he worked as a bookkeeper. He likes to read and listen to music during his spare time, and sometimes he indulges in a bit of dancing and bowling.

A moment of thoughtful action will do more good than hours of worry.

Colonel Trelfall Finds A Way

Colonel M. B. Trelfall, USMC, paralyzed from the chest down by an inoperable tumor pressing on his spinal cord, has "licked" the problem of helplessness with courage, ingenuity, and a series of useful gadgets that make life easier for him and for corpsmen and nurses on Ward 66A.

"Everything I need is right here," the Colonel said, demonstrating a 'Lazy Susan' cupboard, which the hospital shop recently made from his design and measurements. The three wide shelves revolve easily and soundlessly on heavy bearings, so that a touch of the finger will bring the patient his book, stationery, or shaving gear.

Above the foot of his bed the retired officer has a Zenith Television set, chosen for its "lazy bones" con-



trol which tunes in the stations. Another special remote control switch for volume and brilliance have been added so that the patient has com-

Bronze Star

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ical attention was possible, then directed the loading of three stretcher and two ambulatory cases into the uncovered jeep, leaving the other corpsmen to stay with the remaining wounded until the next trip. Still under small-arms fire from one flank, Wendolovski and his patients were fortunate that no enemy bullets found the mark and they reached the aid station in safety.

After unloading the wounded they were joined by another vehicle with a driver and corpsman for the perilous journey back, but before reaching their destination, the driver of Wendolovski's jeep was wounded in the thigh. He was placed in another jeep and sent back to the aid station.

Wendolovski was forced to board another ambulance and continue his mission. Parking in a covered spot, the trio entered the hut. Figuring it was safer to carry the wounded by foot to a nearby company command post about 500 yards away, the men made three trips, and encountered less fire than they had in the jeep.

When the hut was empty and all wounded were safely in the perimeter of the command post, they were made ready for further transport to the aid station. Finally, under the courageous hospital corpsman's direction, the task of evacuating the wounded was completed. Thanks to Wendolovski's heroism, unselfishness, and quick thinking, the regiment was greatly aided in evacuating the wounded much earlier than would otherwise have been possible.



plete charge of the instrument as he lies in bed. A special voice box above the head of the bed keeps the sound at an intimate pitch so that the Colonel may listen day or night without disturbing other patients on the ward.

With two shower hooks the patient hangs his shaving mirror on the overhead bar that enables him to move himself about in bed, and with the help of this apparatus he shaves him-

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

Hey Ma, the phone's ringing.

O K., Junior, I'll get it. . . . Hello . . . Speaking. . . . Oh, hi Derf! How's by you? What, you're out of dirt? Well, let me think; what have I heard. . . . But first let me turn down the gas. . . . O.K., now . . . I heard Jim Bennett's getting married. . . . Which one? The one with Wiggins between his names. Yeah, he's getting hitched. You know her, the one who's always with him at the dances. They're tying the knot in the Chapel. Isn't it romantic? Yeah know what else. . . . My "hon" was up at the Barracks the other A.M. during Reveille and he heard Bob Copes playing Yma—yeah Y-M-A, Sumad's odd record. "Voice of the Xtabay." If that doesn't wake them up, nothing will. Yma sings in four octaves. . . . how odd can you get? . . . By the way, do you know where Junior's been getting all those comic books? From Aaron Gross. Yeah, dozens of 'em. The fellows say he's got the biggest collection in the Bay Area. Can ya imagine! . . . So, Saturday we went for a drive . . . it was such a nice day . . . and we stopped off at the Cliff House . . . that nice couple . . . what's their name, the Coffey's . . . yeah, you know 'em . . . they were eating there . . . they had "Latin Lover Sanchez" with 'em . . . Too bad, she has to go back to Kansas City . . . he's so good to her . . . never beats her! Coming back home we stopped off to get some tickets for Katie Hepburn's new play . . . what-cha-macall-it . . . something by Billy Shakespeare . . . Guess who was there? Ronnie Fritz, "Burt" Avellar, and Bob Pickell. So much culture, yet! It was early so we drove on out to Jackson . . . you know, that little town where we had so much fun. . . . My, you shoulda seen all the boys from the hospital there . . . Cecil Weaver, Bob Carter, Charlie Rightsell, and Clyde Langworthy. . . . No girls . . . nothing. . . . The boys told me that Morris Alderman's house-

self daily with comparative ease. He has a handy hook that he thought of one day after dropping his towel on the floor. With it he retrieves lost objects and adjusts his blankets. The next thing he plans to add to his equipment is a motor to raise and lower the head of his bed.

Colonel Trelfall became a naval aviator in 1917 and during World War I was in France and Belgium with the First Marine Aviation Force. He later became interested in the production phase of the oil industry, but at the outbreak of World War II he returned to Marine Corps aviation and spent approximately three years overseas, part of this time in the Atlantic-Caribbean Area. During 1943 he was transferred to the Central Pacific Area. He returned



to the states late in 1945 and retired from the Marine Corps in 1947. He has been a patient at Oak Knoll since 5 August.

Mormon Services To Begin Sunday

Starting this Sunday, 14 January, Mormon Services will be held in the Chaplain's Office, Building 40-A, at 1100.

Conducting the services will be Fred Adams, HM3, USN, who may soon trade his corps stripe for the gold stripes of a Navy chaplain. Adams is a graduate of Brigham Young University, has had two years of Mormon missionary work, and has taught in Mormon schools. He is an official elder of the Mormon religion, and is fully qualified to hold the Mormon Service.

More About Aquacade

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present, but not as a performer, was Zoe Ann Olsen Jensen, famous diving daughter of the show's sponsors.

The Olsens expressed a desire to return for another show with new acts and improvements on the present ones. But if it's up to those who saw Wednesday's show, no improvement is necessary. To see the show again is all they could wish for.

frau baked cookies for the boys on his ward . . . weren't they nice . . . even if they do come from New Haven, Conn. . . . We went to the Stanford-UCLA basketball game . . . and there was Will Branson standing by the sidelines . . . and you know, what else, Vernon Madison got his finger bitten in a scuffle. . . . Listen, I don't have a bit of dirt to give you. . . . Why don't you call up Gertie, she knows everything. . . . O.K. . . . see ya. . . .

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Oak Knoll Hoopsters Defeat San Francisco Marines, 54-53



Captain E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN, Chief of Surgery, right, accepts the Twelfth Naval District Touch Football Championship trophy from LCDR G. Palmer, District Director of Welfare and Recreation. Joe Reginato, hospital Athletic Director is at Mr. Palmer's right and Carlos Monsalves, District Athletic Director is at Captain Dickinson's left. Members of the team are, top row, left to right: W. Jefferson, S. Tamborski, G. E. Papadakis, G. Keane, F. H. Allen, J. B. Harris, and Bob Irvine. Bottom row, left to right: Bob Worsham, C. A. Johnson, D. Sullivan, E. Estrada, and C. E. Young.

District Badminton Tourney to Start

The 12ND Badminton League will start 14 February, according to announcement made at the district athletic meeting held in San Francisco last Wednesday. Athletic Director Joe Reginato has asked that all interested in participating contact him at the Welfare and Recreation Office.

The hospital bowling team went down to defeat, 3-0, in their last outing, against Moffett Field.

Already in the planning stages are a ping-pong league, a golf league, a baseball league, and a softball league. Details will appear on this page at a later date.

PREVIEWS

15 January
STORM WARNING—Ginger Rogers, Ronald Reagan. DRAMA. This film is about the Ku Klux Klan and while pulling no punches delivers a telling blow against mob action such as the Klan encourages. Spreading across the screen the whole ugly entanglement of the law and the criminals, this is the spellbinding, frightening account of a Klan killing in a small Southern town and the county prosecutor's bitter fight to track down the killers. Featuring a top-rate cast, this picture received a rating of excellent.

15 January
CAPTAIN CAREY, U.S.A.—Alan Ladd, Wanda Hendrix. MELODRAMA. This is a recent release featuring two of Paramount's top stars. Alan Ladd gives his usual outstanding performance this time as a member of the Army. Rated very good.

16 January
MAGNIFICENT YANKEE—Louis Calhern, Ann Harding. MELODRAMA. This is the straightforward biography of a great American presented simply and without dramatic trappings. Following the stage success of Emmet Lavery, it is the story of Oliver Wendell Holmes' career on the bench of the United States Supreme Court over a span of 30 years through some of the country's and the Court's greatest crises. Rated very good.

17 January
LAW OF THE BADLANDS—Tim Holt, Joan Dixon. WESTERN. This is another of RKO's famous westerns starring two of the western performers. Has not been released for reviewing as yet.

18 January
THE TORCH—Paulette Goddard, Pedro Armendariz. COMEDRAMA. This is a recent release featuring both comedy and drama. For those who like a mixture of both, it will be an interesting 83 minutes. Rated fair.

18 January
VENDETTA — Faith Domergue, George Dolenz. DRAMA. Featuring three newcomers to the screen, this is a story of revenge in Corsica. Rated average by reviewers.

19 January
THE GREAT DAN PATCH—Dennis O'Keefe, Gail Russell. This production centers around a great harness horse, his owner and wife, and his trainer and daughter. Dan Patch is a world-beater and wins every race easily. In the end he is the cause of his owner and wife parting, and the owner marries the trainer's daughter. Rated good.

Mountain girl: "Pa's the best rifle shot in these hyar parts."

Serviceman: "Yeah, what does that make me?"

Mountain girl: "My fiance."

Papadakis Sparkles In Close Game

Oak Knoll's basketball team froze the ball for the final minute and a half last Tuesday night at Treasure Island, and outlasted the San Francisco Marines, 54-53, in their first game of the 1951 Twelfth Naval District League.

For a time, in fact for the entire first half, it looked as if Coach Joe Reginato's lads would blow the duke in their debut loop performance. It wasn't that the Marines were exceptionally good. The Knollites were just 20 below zero. Hitting only seven out of 38 shots in that first half, and missing a score of easy layups, not to mention the majority of their free throws, the sailors were pathetic to watch. When the intermission buzzer sounded, the Marines led 27-21.

Halfway through the second canto, the San Franciscans stretched their margin to 11 points, but then the roof caved in. With George Papadakis, Bob Worsham, and C. A. Johnson outrunning the pack for close-in shots, the Marines seemed defenseless. With the score 53-52, the Marines leading, and two minutes to go, Papadakis one-handed a pusher from ten feet out, and the Knollites had the ball game.

The Marines tried desperately to hit the basket in the closing minutes, but it seemed as if half the strength in their arms was gone. Repeatedly their shots would go short, and it was usually Papadakis under the basket to grab the rebound. The Knollites were fouled repeatedly in the closing minutes, but steadfastly refused the charity tosses, taking the ball out of bounds instead.

In the last five minutes of play, the hospitalmen must have hit 90 percent of their shots as they closed in on the rough and tumble Leath-er-necks.

Had Oak Knoll sunk half of their allotted free throws, they would have won in a walk. They were fouled 31 times, but could only cash in on ten of the tosses. The Marines hit nine out of 21 from the charity line.

In the second half, the hospital crew made 33 percent of their shots to wind up the evening with a respectable 26 percent total. It was their choking up on close-in shots, and their inability to capitalize on Marine errors in the first half that almost spelled defeat for Oak Knoll. The ball handling was ragged, and a slumberful performance prevailed until the final five minutes of the game. Then and only then did they display their full potential.

For Oak Knoll, Papadakis led the parade with 13 points, followed by Munselle, whose pivot work was hampered by consistent Marine fouling, with 10 points. Butler hit 14 for the losers, and he was followed by O'Rourke and Taves with 11 apiece.

Oak Knoll meets Naval Air Station, Oakland, Monday night at 1900 on the Alameda High School court, and will travel to the Naval Air Station Wednesday for an 1850 date with the Electronics Materiel School. Last night's result against Moffett Field came too late for publication in this issue.

Distance Record Set in "Operation Telephone"

A distance record for the Call Bulletin's "Operation Telephone" service was probably established here recently when Pfc. Reinhold Alexander, USMC, picked up the phone receiver and asked for Major R. H. Alexander, Nurnberg, Germany. The call finally got through, after five days, and Alexander spoke to his Army officer dad.

The San Francisco paper, which sponsors the service allowing Korean casualties to phone home, was only too glad to place the Alexander call. Major Alexander is on duty with the American occupation forces.

Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll gained 27 staff members during the week of 3 January through 9 January as 42 reported aboard and 15 were detached.

Reporting aboard were LT's Dorothy E. Seidel, Beata M. Hansen, and Bertha G. Spille, from inactive duty LTJG's Florence A. Lesperance, Margaret R. Ruppert, Ruth L. Lloyd, Dorothy M. Eoff, Alice R. Shipley, Betty J. Powerning, Laura M. Waugh, and Mary Sasso, from inactive duty ENS's Wanda R. Haniszewski, Marilyn J. Macey, Margaret M. Bright, Helen F. Fogel, Evelyn M. Vignes, Elaine M. Sroka, Kimie Ihara, Darlene M. Koch, Carlene M. Ratican, Marianne C. Schulz, Elaine A. Carr, Betty J. Kiser, and Irene G. Thorsen, from USNH, Great Lakes, Ill. ENS's Lucille R. Krupa, Hilda I. Florey, Virginia M. Jensen, Vivienne E. Olsen, Elizabeth L. Evans, Anne M. Flynn, Lois M. Rowlands, Lela C. Longstreet, and Joyce E. Cox, from USNH, Jacksonville, Florida; M. E. Foltz, HMC, from National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.; D. L. Simmons, HM3, from USNH, Philadelphia, Penn.; J. F. O'Brien, HN, from USNH, Mare Island, Calif.; J. R. Blodgett, HN, from USNH, San Diego, Calif.; R. W. Duncan, HN, from USNH, Philadelphia, Penn.; O. M. Knight, HN, from Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.; L. I. Moats, Jr., HN, from USS Marston (LSD-22); C. Henley, HA, from USNH, San Diego, Calif.; J. C. Lane, HN, from Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California.

Detached were ENS Bertha A. Manuel, to USNH, Jacksonville, Florida; W. J. Larsen, HM2, to Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nevada; L. L. Daley, HM3, to Naval Supply Depot, Clearfield, Utah; W. Guthridge, HM3, to USNRS Treasure Island, California; HM L. C. McBurney, and H. R. Tott, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; FFT; and HN's G. A. Zilch, W. A. Mullen, D. M. Wood, R. L. Counts, J. W. Barrow, O. E. Kilcrease, S. L. Ross, W. E. Kiser, and C. V. Merriam, to USNRS, Treasure Island, California, FFT.

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CITY OFFICIALS HONOR OAKLAND HERO

Special guests who came to see SGT Jack Macy receive the Distinguished Service Cross in ceremonies held in the Oak Knoll auditorium last Tuesday were Clifford E. Rishell, Mayor of Oakland, and his son, Robert C. Rishell, Commander of American Legion, Oakland Post No. 5. They are pictured here with MAJGEN Graves B. Erskine, USMC, Commanding General, Department of the Pacific, who made the award, and Captain S. S. Cook, Commanding Officer.



Dr. Klein Back From Korea

"Now I can really talk about the weather," LTJG C. L. Klein, MC, USN, told friends here Wednesday when he stopped for a brief visit after spending nearly six months in Korea. With the 1st Marines in the area of Changjin Reservoir where 20 to 30 below zero weather joined forces with the enemy and claimed as many casualties, the doctor saw whole blood and plasma freeze before it could be administered. He saw corpsmen carrying morphine syrettes in their mouths to keep the drug from freezing.

The young doctor's wardrobe for the Korean winter included long underwear, two sets of utility dungarees, a fur-lined vest and heavy parka, three pairs of heavy knitted wool socks encased in leather "shoe packs," and two pairs of woolen gloves, over which he wore big canvas mittens. The bitter cold penetrated all this gear, and the doctor still pinches his fingertips, remembering that even a mild case of frostbite can be painful.

"This was a change from our first month in South Korea," the doctor said. There the sun beat down on men and equipment, particularly on

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KPIX Video Show Donates TV Sets

Through the combined efforts of Terrence O'Flaherty, radio writer for the San Francisco Chronicle, and Del Courtney, KPIX-TV orchestra leader, the hospital is eight television sets richer today.

Some time ago, through his column, O'Flaherty cited the need of television sets in local military hospitals. Courtney took over from there, and with the full cooperation of the KPIX management, used the video medium to stress the need.

Since the start of the drive, 26 sets have been donated, and Oak Knoll has been the recipient of eight. Letterman General Hospital has been given seven, Mare Island six, and Travis Air Base five.

Money came from people from all walks of life, and whenever the needed total was reached, another set was purchased.

Mormon Services In Staff Conference Room

Mormon church services will be held Sunday at 1000 in the Staff Conference Room, Administration Building. Fred C. Adams, HM3, will conduct the services.

Elder Adams is a recognized Mormon churchman, and is fully qualified to conduct Mormon rites.

SGT Jack Macy Awarded DSC In Special Ceremonies Here

Sgt. Jack E. Macy, USMC, became the nation's most highly decorated Marine veteran from Korea last Tuesday when he was presented the Distinguished Service Cross from Major General Graves B. Erskine, USMC, Commanding General, Department of the Pacific. Sgt. Macy was cited in

the station auditorium during ceremonies which also saw 26 veterans of the Korean War awarded Purple Heart Medals.

The 21-year-old Macy, convalescing at the hospital from a hip wound received during the battle for Seoul, had previously been presented a citation authorizing him to wear the Silver Star Medal. There have been only three Marines given the DSC since the outbreak of hostilities, and strangely enough, the three were close friends. The others are Cpl. Donald Sowl, and Cpl. Melvin James.

The awarding of the nation's second highest military decoration to Macy came as a result of his bravery during action within the Pusan perimeter on 8 August, 1950. Macy's outfit, Fifth Marines, First Division, had been committed to combat on 7 August. The next day they ran into heavy enemy resistance and counterattacks. Macy's platoon was in a forward area, receiving heavy fire from small arms, when they were ordered to fall back to new positions.

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Tired of Rain; Cheer Up—Only 5.17 Inches to Go

Those who complain about the rain may be interested to know that this is an unusually wet early winter. Up until Wednesday night, Oakland had been soaked by 13.59 inches. The normal rainfall to date is 8.52.

If the season develops into a normal one, 5.17 more inches will fall, bringing the total precipitation to 18.76. If this seems too much for you, think of the poor ducks up at Crescent City where the average annual rainfall is 75.70 inches.

BACK COPIES OF OAK LEAF

There are a few copies of back issues of the Oak Leaf on hand in the Oak Leaf Office. Anyone desiring copies may receive them by calling in the office not later than 31 January, 1951.

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Dependents' Service Praised

6627 Heartwood Drive
Oakland 11, California
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My Dear Captain Knowles:

May I express to you, as Chief of the Dependents' Service, my great appreciation for the care and attention I received this past week in the maternity ward at Oak Knoll? The friendly and accommodating attitude of both the professional people and the ward attendants was so general as to be surprising. One knows this sort of thing doesn't just happen but is due to someone's planning and supervision.

In particular, I would like to say how much I liked your Dr. Clarke, who, along with Dr. Bancroft, delivered my baby. Dr. Clarke saw fit to inform me occasionally on the progress of my labor and to discuss in advance some phases of the anaesthesia and delivery. I found such information both flattering and cheering—in short, good medicine.

Sincerely yours,
Phyllis K. Bishop

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

A favorite game, as popular today as ever, is that of sitting back and criticizing what others do. It's a lot of fun because we don't bother getting the facts before we pronounce judgment. But it's a dangerous game, because if we play it too long we get to thinking we're the only one who's right, and that everything which differs from our opinion is wrong.

It is all right to examine the actions of others if we are responsible for them, or if they are responsible to us and therefore subject to our judgment. But when we judge anyone else, particularly those who have undertaken jobs of responsibility, it should be done with real humility. It would be a good thing to ask ourselves each time, "What would (could) I do if I were in his position?"

The purpose of these remarks is to point out that in the world at large today this superior attitude of criticism extends to God Himself, and we use it in the same unreasonable way. It's true that there are many things in the world which are hard to understand; sickness, suffering and hardships of all kinds, and the harmful actions of one man against another. For those who make snap judgments, or condemn everything they do not understand, it is easy to blame or deny God for these things, to sit in judgment over the wisdom of the Creator.

It is a very encouraging fact that in this hospital such an attitude does not exist; often those most seriously wounded have the greatest understanding. The touchstone of adversity is intended to give us a deeper insight into the real meaning and values of life and the ways of God. Humility makes us wiser and shows us many things we might not otherwise understand. Scripture gives us a wonderful example in Job, who after losing everything, including his health, could still exclaim, "Even if He should kill me, I will still love Him."

W. TROWER,
Catholic Chaplain.

Divine Services

Protestant:
Chaplains—James D. Hester, E. L. Wade
Sunday—
Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....0945
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
Church Service, Chapel.....1100
Monday—
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
The Chaplains' offices are located in Ward 40-A.

Catholic:
Chaplains—A. T. Wallace, W. Trower.
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
1215 in Catholic Oratory

Confessions before Mass.
Mass Monday to Saturday, 0645, 1150.
Novena and Study Club, Tuesdays.....1900

Bus service has been arranged for ward patients for both Catholic and Protestant divine services. The bus will pick up patients fifteen minutes before each service and return them to their respective wards after each service.

Red Cross Ramblings



Joey Dixon, right, of the Bit and Spur Club, Mills College, demonstrates to Merle Mann, YMSN, left, and Al Nelli, EM1, the workings of the phonograph donated to the hospital by Cressmount Stables of Mills College. The record player and an 8mm. movie projector were presented to the hospital by Miss C. V. B. Cress, owner of the stables. Money for the gifts was made possible by proceeds from exhibitions and demonstrations held at the stables. Looking on is Mrs. Thomas H. Sutton, Red Cross Gray Lady.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

Pfc. Warren Norse, USMC, Ward 41A, was surprised when a pink and white birthday cake, illuminated with pink candles, was wheeled on the ward, and doubly surprised when Miss Bea Johnson and Miss Shirley Sheldon entered wearing Dorothy Lamour "sarongs" in gay South Pacific colors. The girls danced the native Hawaiian dances to guitar music and interpreted the songs of the "islands and Samoa." The patients fell into the mood of things and soon were humming the songs as the girls danced. We know that Warren will remember his 22nd birthday for a long time.

Charles Carrick, MMC, celebrated his annual day on the 6th of January, so both he and Pfc. Max Cross, USMC, whose birthday was on the 12th, blew out their candles together on twin cakes.

CRAFT SHOP NEWS

New glazes that will not smear or run have arrived for those working in ceramics, and new molds are arriving daily for your experimentation. There are a wide variety of molds available now which make it inviting to anyone who likes to make bowls, plates, wall decorations, mugs, figurines, or anything you might design. You are welcome to enjoy the ceramic craft work as well as all the other craft opportunities. Remember, the Shop is open every Monday and Wednesday evening, as well as five days during the week — Monday through Friday.

STAMP CORNER

For the interest of stamp collectors, there is a new stamp being issued from Formosa. Until recently the most familiar Taiwan stamp was a very pleasing picture of white cranes in flight over a globe floating in clouds. Perhaps it is meaningless to many, but to those who have been there it is a reminder of a pleasant feature of the Formosan landscape. The little white cranes are always present in the lowlands because they make their living in the rice fields. If you haven't started a stamp collection, come on up and see what is offered in new stamps. The Stamp Club meets each Wednesday afternoon at 1400 topside.

JUMPIN' GEORGE AND HIS "BEBOP" PROGRAM

On Monday, 15 January, Mr. George Oxford of Station KWBR, in Oakland, visited the hospital with his recorder. The Melody Three, who play nightly at the Melody Lane in Berkeley, accompanied him on his visit. Their renditions of your favorite tunes in bebop and jive were plenty "hep." Several of the men were interviewed for a broadcast over this station on Friday evening. Those participating included Pfc. Gene Hall, USMC, Ward 41A. He told Jumpin' George that he listened to his program every day, including Sundays, and told him how happy he was to meet him. He also commented on how much bed patients enjoyed his patter, and it was a pleasant way to spend the time when you have long hours in bed. Sgt. Glenn Bursau, USMC, Pfc. G. P. Stapleton, USMC, and Clyde Irgan, DNSN, USN, were also "on the air." Ward 42B was next on the visiting list and patients there were interviewed and entertained by the jive group. They had a chance to get in a plug for the Blood Bank and told the need for blood to be shipped overseas. Pfc. Edward Jones, USMC, Pfc. Norman B. Melchior, USMC, Sgt. Paul E. Speake, USMC, Pfc. H. C. Kinmond, USMC, and Cpl. Charles Irwin, USMC, were participants. Listen to the program when it is broadcast over Station KWBR on Friday evenings at 2145.

An old man was making his first visit to an army post. He watched two sentries passing and repassing each other in silence.

After several minutes he stepped up to them as they were passing and said:

"Come now, boys, why not make up and be friends?"

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Who's Who . . .

John H. Picard, DTR1, of the Dental Clinic, reported to Oak Knoll from Omaha, Nebraska, 8 October, 1950. He was another one of the many re-



servists asked to make the transition from civilian to military life once again. Born in Haverhill, Mass., he enlisted originally in Boston in 1942. During this hitch he served aboard the USS Honolulu, CL48, for two years. After his sea duty, he went through the Dental Repair School at Bainbridge, Maryland. He then served two years as a Dental Repairman in the 13th Naval District.

After being discharged, Picard went into the dental repair business in Omaha.

He is married, and he and his wife, Luella, have a five-year-old daughter, Karen Ann. Studying correspondence courses takes up most of his spare time, although he manages to get in a little hunting and mechanic work. For recreation Picard chooses the swimming pool.

Mary D. Hanlon, HM3, of the Record Office, had less than a semester to go at Fresno State College when the Navy beckoned her to return. This was in October, 1950, and since then she has been at Oak Knoll.

Chowchilla, California, is Mary's home town, and she first enlisted in Fresno in August, 1944. After Corps School she worked in the Veterans Bureau Record Office at U. S. Naval Hospital, Bainbridge, Maryland.



Upon being discharged, she entered Fresno State and majored in education. At the time of her recall to active duty, she was engaged in practice teaching fifth grade students.

Mary's favorite spare time activities are dancing, reading, and skiing.

Robert S. Blackwell, HM3, of SOQ Receiving, is a native of Kansas City, Missouri, and enlisted in the Navy in that city on 5 June, 1948. He has been at Oak Knoll since October, 1948, reporting here after completing Corps School at San Diego.



Before entering the service, he attended high school and was a member of the National Honor Society.

In his spare time, Blackwell likes to read, dance, and enjoy a good time. Photography is his favorite hobby. He also likes to play chess and watch football and basketball games.

March of Dimes Drive Underway

March of Dimes annual drive began at this hospital and throughout the nation last Monday, 15 January, and LCDR E. L. Wade, who is in charge of the campaign here, called on all hands to join in the all-out drive for the necessary funds to stamp out polio.

The burden which is carried by the National Foundation is a heavy one. To the many thousands of patients who became afflicted by polio in the series of epidemics of the past four years, and who require continued treatment, will be added the thousands of new cases which are certain to develop during 1951.

Polio is a national enemy that must be met and conquered. It is claiming more victims now than ever before, including all age groups.

Secretary of the Navy, Francis P. Matthews, speaking in behalf of the March of Dimes, summed it up this way: "The gradual but encouraging progress which is being made against the scourge of infantile paralysis should commend to all our citizens the importance of their individual support of the work being done by the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis. This great work can go forward only in proportion as our citizens are generous in their financial contributions to the Foundation. The annual March of Dimes provides an easy and effective means for all of us to join in this crusade for health. I strongly exhort every American to give liberally. When you give to the March of Dimes, you're in step with the March of Health."

Oak Knoll Patient Celebrates "His Day"

Thursday was quite a day for Pfc Charlie Monroe, USMC, formerly of Ward 45B. It was the day that Savannah, Georgia, his home town, picked to honor him with a civic holiday. And, by coincidence, it marked the day of Savannah's premier showing of "The Halls of Montezuma."

Charlie was just another guy in a ward last week when Marine Corps headquarters requested he be sent to a hospital near Savannah. The wheels began rolling immediately, and within a few days, Charlie was on a plane bound for Charleston Naval Hospital.

Reserve, 58, Is Recalled; Physical Is a Breeze

PORTLAND, Ore. (AFPS)—His 58 years have dealt lightly with Don W. Graham, Nyssa, Ore., justice of the peace, who has just been recalled to active Navy duty as a gunner's mate first class.

Graham amazed Navy physicians by passing his physical examination with flying colors. When they remarked that an enlisted man of his age was somewhat unusual, Graham had a snappy comeback. "They told me that when I enlisted at 49 in World War II."

Notice on a bulletin board—Will the Serviceman who took a fur coat by mistake from Lynn's Ballroom please return the blonde who was asleep in it? No questions asked.

Dr. A.L. Bloomfield Speaks to Staff



Dr. A. L. Bloomfield, Professor of Medicine at Stanford University Medical School, spoke here Tuesday night to members of the staff on the "Treatment of Bacterial Endocarditis." His lecture, part of the hospital's training program for medical officers, was preceded by a dinner at which senior medical officers from other Bay Area naval activities were present. Pictured here with Dr. Bloomfield, center, are **Captain A. R. Higgins**, Chief of the Medical Service and Executive Secretary of the training program, and left, **Captain S. S. Cook**, Commanding Officer.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

- 7 January
CADDY, Paula Gerene, to wife of Lynn Cady, HMC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
MCCOY, Kathleen Marie, to wife of William McCoy, SN, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
FORD, Boy, to wife of William Ford, GM3, 5 pounds, 5 ounces.
GILLESPIE, Robert Dale, to wife of Dale Gillespie, AD1, 9 pounds, 10 1/2 ounces.
MORGAN, Mary Jane, to wife of William Morgan, AEC, 8 pounds.
BJORKMAN, Girl, to wife of George Bjorkman, LTJG, 7 pounds.
MORRIS, Pamela Sue, to wife of William Morris, AD1, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
DUBRO, Dennis Wayne, to wife of Calvin Dubro, S/Sgt., 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
WILSON, Carol Ann, to wife of John Wilson, SN, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
- 8 January
NUTTERFIELD, Joseph Allen, to wife of Robert Nutterfield, RN2, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
ROE, Sandra, to wife of Charles Roe, AO1, 5 pounds, 3 ounces.
- 9 January
LEWANDOWSKI, Patricia Marie, to wife of Casimir Lewandowski, AD2, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
JETER, Victor Alan, to wife of Cecil Jeter, ET2, 9 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces.
HILFENHAUS, James Francis, to wife of Charles Hilfenhaus, LTJG, 7 pounds, 11 1/2 ounces.
LIVELY, Veiva Lee, to wife of James Lively, AN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
HODGE, Girl, to wife of Calvin Hodge, MM1, 5 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces.
BASH, David Allen, to wife of Robert Bash, AD2, 7 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces.
- 10 January
HOLMES, Ruth Ann, to wife of Lemuel Holmes, YN, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
JONES, Girl, to wife of Henry Jones, WOELC, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
HYSO, Venus Ann, to wife of Alfred Hyso, HN, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
- 11 January
JENNINGS, Benjamin Alan, to wife of Benjamin F. Jennings, AO1, 5 pounds, 1 ounce.
ESTES, Mary Elise, to wife of Lucien Estes, HMC, 5 pounds, 5 ounces.
DIXON, Martha Joan, to wife of Floyd Dixon, LTJG, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
SCHWARZ, Jan Ellen, to wife of Bradley Schwarz, Major, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
- 12 January
DE FRATES, David Allan, to wife of Lowell De Frates, SN, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
RUBIN, Larry Neal, to wife of Samuel Rubin, OMS3, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
PECK, Melvin Allen, to wife of Melvin Peck, MML1, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
BOWLING, Richard Vernon, Jr., to wife of Richard Bowling, Pfc, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
HALL, Marcia Jean, to wife of Harley Hall, ADC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
ANDERSON, Thomas Allan, to wife of Allan Anderson, S/Sgt., 9 pounds, 11 ounces.
DE KEYREL, Boy, to wife of Aloysius De Keyrel, AD2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
LARSEN, Linda Susan, to wife of Robert Larsen, SH2, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

Dance and Bingo At CPO Club

Two big nights of fun are in store at the CPO Club here at Oak Knoll. Saturday evening, 20 January, there will be a dance and Buffet Supper. Festivities will begin at 2000 with music furnished by a well-known local band.

Next Friday, 26 January, another Bingo game will be held in the Club, beginning at 2030. Excellent prizes will be in store for all winners, so be there and try your luck.

Medics Find a New Drug to Ease Pain

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — The Army Medical Corps recently had high praise for a morphine substitute field-tested on the Hamhung-Hungnam beachhead in Korea.

The synthetic drug is refined from methadones, a chemical substance containing hydrogen, nitrogen, and carbon, which was found at the I. G. Farben chemical works in Germany after World War II.

The Korean tests were supervised by Dr. Henry K. Beecher, professor of research in anesthesia at Harvard University, and consultant to the Surgeon General of the Army. Dr. Beecher previously had conducted extensive tests at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston.

Dr. Beecher declared the drug was as successful in the beachhead tests under battlefield conditions as in the hospital trials under ideal conditions.

The new synthetic, Dr. Beecher said, will make the Army independent of morphine, an opium derivative, and be cheaper because the components are inexpensive.

Dr. Beecher said he found that "milligram for milligram" the new drug is the equivalent of morphine in relieving pain.

San Leandro Hospital To Be Reactivated As Part Of Oak Knoll



San Leandro Hospital, high on a hill overlooking Oak Knoll, has lain idle since it was de-commissioned in 1946 after serving as a psychiatric hospital during World War II. Today it is being readied to receive Korea casualties. The 26 wards, special departments, and recreation facilities will serve as a part of Oak Knoll.

The hospital on the hilltop overlooking Oak Knoll, dormant since 1946, this week showed signs of life as plumbers, electricians, painters, and carpenters prepared the wards for use.

The reactivation of 26 wards at San Leandro hospital will bring Oak Knoll's total bed capacity to 3,280.

The hospital was commissioned in 1944 and used during World War II as a psychiatric center. Of redwood construction, the buildings are similar to those at Oak Knoll, except that they are unpainted, as Oak Knoll was until July 1949. The hospital wards bear a marked resemblance to those at this hospital, but the hilltop location has the advantage of a beautiful view in every direction. To the East is Sequoia Golf Course, and looking out over Oak Knoll, the South end of the Bay, the Bay Bridge, and San Francisco are visible on clear days. In the opposite direction, the hospital grounds are bordered by Skyline Boulevard.

All buildings are joined by a long enclosed ramp that links wards and departments and slopes gently from the far end of the compound to the Administration Building, the rustic structure that may be seen from Oak Knoll.

An indoor swimming pool, theater, bowling alley, library, Navy Exchange, and departments such as physiotherapy and occupational therapy will be included in the reactivation program.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

STUFF 'N STUFF: Paul Nicolini is well liked by his patients; they leave presents for him — Bill McFarlane and his cronies find the "Hang-out" the perfect setting in which to relax—Staff Detail's Harold Clark says "I have a new Chevrolet. Who needs more?" Someone should tell the boy a car can't do everything — Saw Howard Riley and Jim Foster at the "Forbidden City" ogling a platinum blonde and a redhead respectively—Does Will Branson look different to you these days? Yes, he's wearing a Chief's uniform now—Saw him celebrating with "Tubby" Van Atta at the Fior d'Italia, Drift In, and 150 Club — The HN's all looked so "beat" after their test that the Thirds are afraid to go into the examination room—Physio's Ruth Alger will be married on the 27th of this month—Sanitation School's Chief Estes was passing out cigars like mad last week. He became a father again—Harvey Poulson was yachting at Laguna Beach over the past week end. It's surprising what a green Olds convertible and a pleasant look will do —Stan Miller was at Tajunga (don't know whether that's a town or a vegetable) visiting "relatives." Relatives are so convenient, at times—The Second Class Mates are eagerly scanning the horizon for new arrivals hoping that they'll soon get back on section watches—At the recent aquacade Reggie Spatz was eyeing a gay shirt hoping the wearer would let her wear it with her equestrian habit. She was finally convinced that it wouldn't look good on her horse—Bob Eisenman and Art Davis took their B.W.'s to Yosemite for an outing in the snow — Lou Freese was there also for some skiing — Dave Maese has given up tying diapers for

'Operation Telephone' Reaches 1,000 Mark

More than 1,000 free telephone calls have been made by returning Korea casualties to their homes throughout the nation since the Call-Bulletin began "Operation Telephone."

Money for the calls, which have reached practically every one of the forty-eight states and Germany, has come through funds solicited from generous readers of the San Francisco newspaper. Representatives of the Red Cross assist patients in making their calls.

Navy Mothers Club To Contribute Funds

Navy Mothers Clubs have always been good friends of Oak Knoll—of this, here's further proof.

Mrs. May Levy, Commander of Navy Mothers Club No. 202, of San Francisco, this week called to tell LT R. L. Thompson, Welfare and Recreation Officer, of her group's plan to give \$50 a month to the hospital during the coming year. This money will be used to purchase daily newspapers, magazines, and other gifts for patients.

Potala Palace, the massive residence of the Dalai Lama of Tibet at Lhasa, is believed to be the only building in all Tibet which has electricity.

surgery — "Simon Legree" Reisehe left his whip home, picked up his skis, and tried the slope at Soda Springs — Bob Howard is anxiously awaiting Lab school's graduation so he can concentrate on liberty.

Hi-Lites

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AFPS)—Relief jailer T. E. Frost arrived for duty and found regular jailer E. C. Roach chatting with James Hess. Seems he didn't introduce the relief to Hess, for later, Hess turned to the relief and said, "I'll be seeing you," and walked out. He was an inmate.

GROSSE POINT, Mich. (AFPS)—Mrs. George Black got all steamed up about a charity campaign. She covered her car with publicity placards. Then she found she couldn't open the doors.

MENDOTA, Ill. (AFPS) — J. R. Stewart, a truck driver, wants a buyer for 80,000 fried eggs. His truck, carrying 300 cases of eggs, caught fire, and before firemen arrived the whole load was fried.

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AFPS)—Mrs. Mary Sehi was granted a divorce when she told the judge that her husband had two radios and two television sets which he kept playing continually—all at once.

RICHMOND, Va. (AFPS)—Somebody broke the lock on the H. C. Sims Casket Company but, after taking a look at the display room, went no further.

Pasadena (AFPS) — Fred Redington told the waiter, "Give me a bowl of chili and be sure and make it hot!" An ambulance rushed him to a hospital for mouth burns and scalded lips.

Lancaster, Pa. (AFPS) — Walter Leinaweaver received an envelope with \$20 in return for a pay check he lost 36 years ago. Included was a note which read: "Dear Sir: Long ago you lose box factory pay envelope with \$18. I find it. Here it is—I give you \$20. Forgive."

NSLI Dividend Due In March Says VA

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — First payments on the second dividends from National Service Life Insurance now are not expected to be made until some time in March, the Veterans Administration has announced.

New dividends will be smaller than the first paid last year totaling \$2,800,000,000 because the first dividend covered an eight-year period. The new dividend will cover the years 1948-1950.

The V.A. said dividends for policies with January and February anniversary dates will be mailed to policy holders some time in March.

Policy holders with March anniversaries will get their dividends in March or early April. Thereafter, policy holders will receive their dividends about ten days after policy anniversary dates.

The amount of money to be distributed to 8,200,000 policy holders and the rate of payments has not been announced.

Prefers Wedded Bliss To Career at "Point"

CAMP PICKETT, Va. (AFPS)—Sgt. William L. Bickford, mess sergeant here, would have gone to West Point, but—

Sgt. Bickford was married Christmas eve, after having passed West Point screening tests and being summoned to appear before an entrance examining board. Married men are not eligible to attend the U. S. Military Academy.

Saturday, 20 January, 1951

MAJGEN G. B. Erskine Here To Present Awards To Patients

26 Get Purple Heart; Macy Finds Buddy In Auditorium

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As another platoon moved up to relieve them, Macy noticed that three of his men were missing.

It was at this time, with complete disregard for his own safety, that Macy ran back, through concentrated enemy fire, in search of the missing men. He found all three wounded and unable to move without assistance. Macy dressed their wounds as well as he could, and then carried each back to safety. After completing the third trip, he returned once again, this time to cover the body of a comrade who had been killed.

One of the men whom Macy saved was Pfc. Aubrey D. Wilson, USMC, of St. Joseph, Missouri. Macy hadn't seen Wilson since the day he pulled him out of danger. So it was a happy coincidence that brought Wilson to the auditorium Tuesday. Having arrived at the hospital Monday, he was sitting in the front row to see his buddy receive the medal.

Although he was nicked in the scalp and hit in the back by shrapnel at the time of his heroic feat, Macy refused to turn in, and continued to fight with his buddies during the major South Korean battles.

Two months later, Macy landed with his regiment at Inchon, and took part in the drive to liberate Seoul. It was on the outskirts of Seoul that his platoon was in danger of being overrun by a numerically superior North Korean force. As Macy mustered his men to fall back, he was shot in the hip by rifle fire. He then ordered his men to retreat while single-handedly he staved off the Communists with automatic fire from his carbine. For this action he was awarded the Silver Star Medal.

Macy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Macy, 415-61st Street, Oakland. He is a graduate of St. Mary's College High School, Class of 1948. He entered the Marine Corps in August, 1948, and before going to Korea had served fifteen months on Guam.

Korean War veterans receiving Purple Heart Medals from General Erskine were Captain A. G. Savell, USMC, San Diego, California; Cpl. J. M. Brams, USMC, Miami, Florida; Pfc. R. T. Smith, USMC, Castro Valley, California; J. S. Hewitt, HN, USN, Hickory, North Carolina; Cpl. R. H. Langley, USMC, Dayton, Ohio; R. D. Moore, HN, USN, San Francisco, California; Pfc. T. R. Morris, USMC, Hammond, Indiana; Pfc. J. C. Smallwood, USMC, Dorris, California; Pfc. J. S. Skibbie, USMCR, Bayonne, New Jersey; Cpl. T. R. Tucker, USMC, Denver, Colorado; Sgt. L. E. Bruesser, USMC, West Allis, Wisconsin; Cpl. C. W. Carter, USMC, Stokesdale, North Carolina; Pfc. D. D. Fitzgerald, USMC, Memphis, Tennessee; Pfc. C. W. Strasser, USMC, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Cpl. W. T. Teal, USMC, Soanton, South Carolina; Cpl. W. C. Buster, USMC, Bakersfield, California; Pfc. H. E. Eisele, USMCR, Sebastopol, California; S/Sgt. B. L. Allen, USMC, Indianapolis, Indiana; Cpl. W. Bescher,



Yanks Still Tops As Woo Pitchers Say Girls

LONDON (AFPS)—Love, it's wonderful! And the girls in England say the new American Serviceman has it all over the local product.

At home, the American male is usually told by visiting Europeans that someone should give them a course in love. But in jolly old England the girls want their men to act like the Yanks.

According to letters in English newspapers, the old charm used by Servicemen in World War II seems to be present in the Air Force men manning American bases.

Americans are said to be "gentle," "polite" and "interesting."

As one girl put it, "Englishmen can't even give a girl a goodnight kiss without nearly breaking her neck."

USMCR, Brooklyn, New York; Sgt. J. J. Von Oiste, USMC, Jamaica, New York; G. L. Jettie, SA, USN, Sibley, Iowa; P. E. Love, HM3, USN, National City, California; Pfc. J. W. Mooney, USMC, Jersey City, New Jersey; Pfc. E. W. Oltman, USMC, Sparland, Illinois; and S/Sgt. A. J. Permenter, USMC, Lincoln, Missouri.

Sgt. W. F. Tenney, USMC, Pittsburg, Kansas, received two Gold Stars in lieu of second and third Purple Heart Medals.

In ceremonies here last Tuesday, Major General Graves B. Erskine, USMC, Commanding General, Department of the Pacific, presented Purple Heart Medals to twenty-six Korean casualties. (1) James S. Hewitt, HN, USN, Ward 44B, receives his medal for missile wounds in both arms; (2) Pfc. John Skibbie, USMCR, Ward 45A, who is being treated for injuries to the eyes; (3) Sgt. Jack Macy is being greeted by Pfc. Aubrey Wilson whose life he saved in Korea on 8 August, 1950; (4) Pfc. Theodore R. Morris, USMC, Ward 44B, for gunshot wounds on his left ankle; and (5) Pfc. Earl W. Oltman, USMC, Ward 79B, for gunshot wounds in the neck and chest. All awards were presented in the hospital auditorium.



It isn't every wearer of the Purple Heart who has such an attractive audience as PFC Robert E. Lyons, USMC, of Houston, Texas, had when Captain J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, recently presented him the award. Proud on-lookers were, left to right, his aunt, Mrs. Walter Burke, his pretty wife, Doris, and his father, Elwood L. Lyons. The young Marine suffered frostbite of both feet while serving with the 1st Marine Division near the Changjin Reservoir in Northeast Korea.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 21 January

RIO GRANDE—John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara. Using the deft, sure skill of a master craftsman, John Ford here comes through with a Western of epic proportions, a film that ranks proudly alongside the very best of his many hits. John Wayne is superb as a hard-bitten colonel while Miss O'Hara is beautiful and restrained as Wayne's southern wife whose love triumphs over her civil-war bitterness. Rated excellent by all reviewers.

Monday, 22 January

ONLY ANGELS HAVE WINGS—Cary Grant, Jean Arthur. Featuring two top stars, this is one of the best adventure films of the last decade. Filmed shortly before World War II, it is making its second appearance. Rated very good.

Tuesday, 23 January

TEA FOR TWO (COLOR)—Doris Day, Gordon MacRae. This is a recent release by Warner Brothers featuring one of their top young stars, Miss Day. With technicolor added, the picture stands out as one of the best in 1950. Rated excellent.

Wednesday, 24 January

THE GIRL FROM SAN LORENZO—Leo Carrillo, Duncan Renaldo. This is a recent release by United Artists bringing a new type of story. Although not being as good as many people had hoped, it received a rating of fair from all reviewers.

Thursday, 25 January

CITY LIGHTS—Charles Chaplin, V. Corrill. United Artists presents another of their re-issues which received favorable comment when first released. With Charlie Chaplin playing his usual stellar role, it will treat you to exactly one hour of good movie entertainment. Rated good.

Friday, 26 January

DOUBLE CROSSBONES (COLOR)—Donald O'Connor, Helena Carter. Here is a thoroughly entertaining musical comedy. The picture is funny throughout with the humor found in both the comic lines and slapstick. Some light touches and good-natured ribbing are used all to good effect. Rated good.

Saturday, 27 January

MY FRIEND IRMA GOES WEST—Marie Wilson, John Lund. Paramount turns Miss Wilson loose again as the lovable and comical Irma. Carrying on where her other pictures left off, this film has received much applause from all audiences. For a good time, this one can't be beat. Rated good.

Glad to Oblige You, If You'll Show Me How

VAN NUYS, Calif. (AFPS)—Marine Pfc. Paul F. Davis was notified by the police department that he must appear in court here or face arrest. He was cited for speeding last August.

"You wouldn't inconvenience me a bit," Pfc. Davis wrote. "I wish you would come and get me because I've been looking for a way to get out of this hellhole they call Korea."

Basketeers Win One, Lose Two, In Twelfth Naval District League

Oak Knoll's basketeers tried hard but lost out by one point in their attempt to win the majority of last week's three games. The hospitalmen were downed last Friday by Moffett Field, 45-38, they clouted NAS Oakland, 51-36, and they were barely edged by Electronics Materiel School, 31-30.

It was a rough week for Coach Joe Reginato's forces, and the outlook for the future is getting darker by the hour. Bill Munselle, a tower of strength at the pivot post, has been discharged, and George Papadakis, the squad's most consistent performer, is about to be transferred. Reginato implores all personnel who feel capable, and who last played no earlier than last season, to report to him at the Welfare and Recreation Office. Replacements are urgently needed.

Getting back to the games, Oak Knoll played their best basketball of the season last Friday against Moffett Field, in the first half, that is. The Knollites seemingly couldn't miss in the first canto, hitting 45% of their tries from the floor. They stifled Moffett's fast break, and left the floor with a comfortable 28-14 lead.

In the second half the action reversed. Oak Knoll couldn't find the basket with radar. Hitting only two out of twenty shots, they watched their lead dwindle until, with five minutes to go, Moffett surged ahead to stay. Oak Knoll seemed incapable of thwarting the running offense of the Flyers. Reginato thought his switching of Papadakis from center to guard in the second half, might have been the weakening factor in Oak Knoll's attack.

In Monday's game against NAS Oakland, the Hospitalmen coasted to an easy 51-36 decision. Oak Knoll led 26-16 at the half, and never during the game did NAS threaten.

Johnny Johnson led the scoring parade with 16 points, and he was followed by Papadakis with 14, and Worsham and Dolph with 11 apiece. The well-balanced scoring of the Knollites was too much for the Oaklanders to cope with.

Oak Knoll played the entire game without the services of Munselle, their big center, but their eyes were on, and each shot acted like a guided missile.

On Wednesday night, Oak Knoll traveled to Naval Air Station, Alameda, for a set-to with Electronics Materiel School. It was another case of tiring in the second half as the Knollites blew a 13-9 lead, and went down to defeat, 31-30.

Papadakis hit 15 points, and Spenser connected for six, but no one else on the club could find the basket a second time. Worsham, Hook, Dolph and Owens chipped in a field goal apiece, and outside of four charity completions out of 14 attempts, that was the scoring.

EMS wasn't much more effective, but they had the extra push in the game's waning minutes.

Oak Knoll's next outing will be against Pacific Reserve Fleet at Alameda High School on Tuesday. Time for the game is still undecided. On Thursday at 1500, the Hospital squad tangles with powerful NAS Alameda on the latter's court.

BOWLING

Oak Knoll's varsity bowling team broke the ice last Monday evening to emerge the victor, 3-0, over Port Chicago Marines in the Twelfth Naval District Bowling Tourney.

After having difficulty on the opening night against NAS, Moffett Field, losing 3-0, the Knollites finally found the range, giving them a .500 mark for the tournament so far.

Chief Hasbrook, of Public Works, has been the leader for Oak Knoll in the tournament with an average of well over 500 pins per match. All members of the team have found difficulties in first games, but should give a good account of themselves from here on.

All matches are played on the alleys at NAS, Alameda.

Dr. Klein Returns

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Dr. Klein's thermometers, which blew their tops in the 108 to 120 degree weather.

At Changjin it was a round-the-clock schedule for doctors and corpsmen. C Medical Company (of which CDR H. A. Streidt, another former Oak Knoll doctor, was CO) set up an aid station in an old school building by using triple-decker beds and were prepared to care for 72 patients. The turnover was slow, since only a few at a time could be taken out each day by Piper Cub. The 72-bed station soon became a 400-patient "hospital," with the wounded and frost-bitten quartered in hallways, store-rooms, the galley—everywhere there was any space at all.

During the allied forces' withdrawal from Changjin, Dr. Klein had his most "exciting" experience of the war, though there were plenty of others he won't forget. A convoy started to leave the village of Hamhung at 10 in the morning and by 10 that night had moved only a mile and a half, having "taken" each hill and valley as it moved slowly out of the communist trap that had encircled UN troops at Changjin. It was cold and dark, and the doctor and several others were concealed under a tarpaulin on top of a truck, trying to get a little sleep, when suddenly enemy soldiers, ambushed in the trees that lined the road, "opened up" on the convoy, pelting the truck with machine gun bullets. The doctor rolled from his unstrategic position, slipped and fell, his helmet and carbine flying. A friendly ditch at the roadside gave momentary shelter; a fellow marine gave him a spare weapon, and with it he "opened up" on the enemy.

On leave from Camp Pendleton, Dr. Klein will return there, but he hopes for favorable action on his request to return to Oak Knoll, where, he thinks, one should not complain too loudly of the rain and fog.

Badminton Tourney To Begin In February

All personnel interested in trying out for the hospital badminton team are urged to contact Joe Reginato, Athletic Director, at the Welfare and Recreation Office, or CDR R. A. Hicks, MC, USN, Wards 65 A and B, and 62A.

The Twelfth Naval District Badminton League is scheduled to get under way on 14 February and by that date a team must be picked to participate in three singles and one doubles match.

CDR Hicks will be coach and captain of the team. He is a former collegiate tennis coach, and very well known in tennis circles. Recently he officiated at the professional match between Jack Kramer and Bobby Riggs in San Francisco.

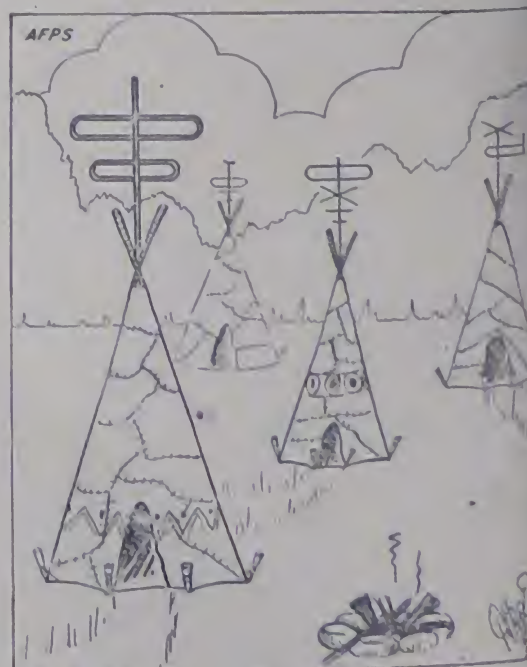
All matches will be played at Naval Air Station, Alameda, and if not enough teams enter there will be a tournament instead of a league.

Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll showed a gain of three staff members during the week of 10 January through 17 January, as 12 reported aboard and nine were detached.

Reporting aboard were CDR J. F. McMullin, from NTC, San Diego, Calif.; LCDR's H. P. Mahin, and J. M. Bermel, from inactive duty; ENS Waunie L. Shelton, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill.; J. C. Leshner, HM3, from National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.; W. W. Dupre, HM3, and D. McLaughlin, HN, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; L. Walker, HN, from U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill.; and HA's M. A. Kenney, H. H. Weisberg, E. J. Swanick, and F. R. Rutkowski, from U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Detached were LT Dorothy M. Singer, to Commandant, Twelfth Naval District; LTJG Lois C. Robinson, to inactive duty; R. L. Jackson, SDC, and J. T. Garrido, SD1, to Naval Shipyards, Bremerton, Washington, FFT; E. J. Serpa, HM2, to Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, Calif.; C. M. Connelly, to Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif.; A. H. Schroeder, MM3, to Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash.; and HN's J. A. Nuttall, and J. C. Stevenson, to Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nevada.



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"Satchmo's" All Stars Pack Hospital Auditorium



Louis Armstrong's All Stars go through their paces at the hospital auditorium to the delight of a packed house. "Satchmo" and his troupe gave one of the most entertaining performances ever seen at the hospital. With Armstrong were Jack Teagarden, the world's foremost trombonist, Barney Bigard, renowned clarinetist, Cozy Cole, the great drummer, Earl "Fatha" Hines, the famous piano wizard, Aruell Shaw, that mean bass man, and Velma Middleton, Armstrong's featured vocalist, who was kept busy answering encores.

Plenty of Jive By Teagarden, Bigard

They were rockin' and rollin' last Thursday evening in the hospital auditorium when Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong and his All Stars staged one of the hottest musical shows seen here in many a moon.

The show, another product of Al and Beth McKay's "Salute to Top Fighting Men," was presented under the title of United Shows Alliance. It featured the entire Armstrong aggregation that just concluded a three-week stint at Rafael's 150 Club in San Francisco.

The lineup of musicians was like an early '20's New Orleans musical rogue's gallery. There was Barney Bigard, who has clarineted his way through the best years of American jazz, Jack Teagarden, Mr. Trombone himself, who has been pumping the slide almost forty years, Cozy Cole, one of the world's greatest drummers, Earl "Fatha" Hines, the daddy of all modern piano players, Aruell Shaw, the troupe's outstanding bass performer, and doing the vocals with "Satchmo" was Velma Middleton.

The "Trumpet King of Swing" gave the packed house a show for free that equaled any he gave at Rafael's, where his pricetag read \$4000 per week.

One of the high spots of the evening's entertainment was the vocal team of Armstrong and Middleton giving their special rendition of "Baby, It's Cold Outside." Miss Middleton was a sensation with the audience, and received encore after encore in appreciation of her vocalizing.

The show was put on through the cooperation of the American Federation of Musicians, Local 6 and 669.

Buffet Supper, Dance At CPO Club Saturday

A treat is in store for all CPO's and their guests who attend the gingham and dungaree dance in the Chief's Club, Saturday, 27 January.

Festivities will begin at 2030 with buffet supper. "Chicken in the rough" will head the menu.

Dancing will follow, with Frankie Pro and his orchestra providing the music. Let down your hair and be there—the more, the merrier.

Waco, Tex. (AFPS) — Librarians are often amused by the various and sundry articles used as bookmarkers. But a book borrower here set the record. Nestled between the pages, librarians found a well-fried egg.

Public Health Dean Speaks To Staff



Dr. Charles E. Smith, Dean of the School of Public Health, University of California, spoke in the Officers' Club Auditorium Tuesday night to members of the staff. The photographer caught this picture of the doctor in action as he presented an enlightening discussion of "Coccidioidomycosis." Preceding the talk, one of a series of Basic Science lectures for doctors under instruction, the Commanding Officer entertained Dr. Smith at dinner at the Club.

News (About Joan) Travels Fast and Far

Joan Smejkal, of the record office, is now a firm believer of the adage that news travels far and fast, especially with modern methods of wire photos and stories.

Last week, Joan posed with Sgt. Jack Macy, USMC, for a picture that appeared in the San Francisco Examiner when Macy was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

Less than a week later, Joan received a letter from Arlington, Virginia, with the picture of her and Macy attached. It was from M. C. Keck, a retired Navy lieutenant, who lived next door to the Smejkal family when Joan's father was stationed in San Diego. The families had lost track of each other until Keck noticed something familiar about the picture and then read on to find she was the Joan who played with his children in San Diego.

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Patient Likes Treatment Here

Dear Captain Cook:

May I take a few minutes of your time to offer a tribute of praise to your splendid staff of doctors, nurses, and assistants in Wards 73 A and 73 B?

It is gratifying to know that such excellent facilities are available to dependents of Naval personnel. My husband, Major Bradley Schwarz, is serving with the Marines in Korea, and would want to join me in thanking you and your staff for the wonderful medical care given me before, during, and after the birth of our third child, Jan Ellen Schwarz.

My first child was born at the well-known Grace-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut, and the second child at another Naval Hospital; so I can truthfully say that I think the diagnosis, treatment, and medical care administered here in such a spirit of cheerful cooperativeness is unequalled anywhere.

The nurses in 72 B and Mrs. Metz, Mrs. Cross, and Misses O'Gami and Carnell are so considerate, impartial, prompt, and helpful in meeting and attending each individual's needs, while daily sick calls with Doctors

Frank, Ooghe, Hird, and Clark are always reassuring and leave nothing to be desired.

Hospital attendants Mrs. Josephine Haben and Mrs. Esther Warner lend that "mother's touch" in making each patient comfortable and at home at the hospital. No job ever seems too great or too small for them, and their duties are always performed with a smile.

Ensigns Cleary and Grieve are so vitally concerned with each and every child and mother, while the corpsmen's careful and gentle handling of the babies is something one has to see to believe.

Our meals have been very good and well-served. Although everyone is doing his part to make 73 A a clean and pleasant place to be, ward attendants Aery Knowles and Mary Jay have been especially helpful in any way needed.

It has truly been a pleasure and privilege to be a patient at Oak Knoll. Sincerely,

GRACE F. SCHWARZ,
403 Vidal Drive,
San Francisco.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"The Poor Ye Have With You Always"—These words of Jesus spoken so long ago are so true. Wherever I went in Europe there were so many poor people; ragged, hungry-eyed children; weary, broken old people; human beings with little to live for, hopes and dreams long ago forgotten in the daily struggle for bread. This was especially true in Southern Europe and North Africa. The few lira, drachma, or francs that one could give seemed such a hopeless answer to the great need. Through the centuries there has been this great host of population which has suffered under the burden of poverty. Our modern society is trying to solve this age-old problem.

Jesus also said, "I am come that ye might have life and have it more abundantly." Most people in America have never begged for bread and few wear cast-off clothing; few live in hovels without shelter or medical care; yet many are terribly poor in God's sight. Why?

Because they have eaten so little spiritual food, have strayed so far from the shelter of the Lord's care, have learned so little about the rich treasures that are eternal. Poverty of the soul is more devastating than lack of bread, for it creates a vacuum that is soon filled with fears, hatreds, unhappiness, and dissatisfaction with one's self. Then the joy of living is gone, and shadowy despair stands as a gateless wall.

Practical religion studied and applied systematically to one's own soul is the dietary cure for the spiritually poor. Those hungry for food of whom Jesus spoke do all they can to secure food for the body. It should be even more important for the soul hungry to properly satisfy their need. Churches, religious instruction, the Holy Scriptures, the opportunity for meditation, Christian fellowship, are available for all those who desire to "Have life and have it more abundantly" instead of simply being some of "The poor with us always."

J. A. WHITMAN,
Protestant Chaplain.

Red Cross Ramblings

EASEL, BRUSH AND CANVAS

Johnny Haag, SA, USN, Ward 48A, has been "dabbling" in oils the past week. While on a holiday jaunt some time ago along the famous California seacoast he returned with a mental picture of a small fishing craft resting in a harbor; since then he has been painting it on canvas. His project has been interesting to watch as he mixes oil paints on his palette and goes to work each day. The picture he is painting is assuming good proportions. He wants to try a mountain scene next. Haag had attended the Art Institute in Pittsburgh, Pa., prior to his entrance into the Navy.

CAMERA CLUB

Are you interested in color pictures? Sherman Pompey, SKSN, Ward 64A, recently returned from his Christmas leave and is eagerly awaiting the arrival of the postman each day to bring his finished products, 35mm. Kodachrome slides, to him. In the first box were scenes he had taken at Lake Arrowhead, Green Valley, and the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena, California. His finished products indicate excellent lighting and aperture techniques. If you are interested in seeing his slides, he will be happy to project them for you. Tell the Red Cross worker on your ward.

BURIED TREASURES

All of us at one time or another dream of finding "buried treasure," and a few of the more fortunate of us do. Philately has its buried treasures, too, and every so often someone discovers treasure worth thousands in the oddest places. Recently a gentleman was way off the beaten track and stopped at a house to get food and lodging. While there he recognized a scrap of paper which was one of the postmaster's provisional issues, pre-1847. Further search revealed that these people were burning them. He immediately salvaged as many as were left, and today there are about ten new varieties of Postmaster Provisionals that are available to rich collectors, because one man hit a pot of gold. Another was struck a number of years ago in Hawaii where a person was visiting a local public school. Under a coat of whitewash he discovered two Missionary XX stamps, one of the world's rarest. A schoolboy in Massachusetts was looking through the effects of an elderly Missionary lady from Persia who had died about twenty years before and had left her effects to the local library. There he discovered a cover addressed to her by an old school chum who was a missionary to Hawaii. On it was a thirteen-cent Missionary stamp worth several thousand dollars. The library added many new books to its shelves when this was sold.

Would you like to dig for gold? Then start collecting stamps. There is a gold mine of information available to those who do, plus a golden opportunity to pass away those dreary hours of free time. Start mining today by asking your Red Cross worker about the Red Cross Stamp Club.

Retires One Day, Recalled the Next

Washington (AFPS)—M/Sgt. Victor M. Blue climaxed nearly 26 years' service by retiring from the Air Force recently only to be recalled to active duty the following day.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

13 January
HAWKINS, Katherine Jean, to wife of John Hawkins, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

14 January
OLIVER, Katherine Jean, to wife of James Oliver, SN, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.
COLLINS, Allene Collins, to wife of James Collins, LT, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
GILLIS, Patricia Ann, to wife of Benjamin Gillis, TN, 5 pounds, 13½ ounces.
GOODWIN, Vandon Lee, III, to wife of Vandon Lee Goodwin, Jr., AN, 4 pounds, 15½ ounces.

15 January
STROTHER, Louis L., to wife of Lawrence Strother, SD1, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
HERON, Margaret Ann, to wife of Bernard Heron, AM2, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
STOREY, Bonnie Bea, to wife of Frank Storey, YNT2, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
WILLIAMS, Linda Sue, to wife of Richard Williams, Sgt, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
CISNEROS, Richard Anthony, to wife of Salvador Cisneros, Pfc, 9 pounds, 5 ounces.
POOLE, Daniel Harvey, to wife of Donald Poole, AMAN, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

16 January
WALKER, Richard Dean, to wife of James Walker, HM2, 8 pounds.
MADDEN, Christine Lee, to wife of Albert Madden, YN3, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

17 January
JONES, Shirley Janice, to wife of Keith Jones, Pfc, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
NICKERSON, Dennis Anne, to wife of Benjamin Nickerson, Jr., 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
BEHR, Deborah Lynn, to wife of Odwin Behr, ADC, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.
STOKES, Jeannette Anne, to wife of Thomas Stokes, GM2, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
SPERANZA, George Thomas, to wife of Carmine Speranza, FN, 4 pounds, 9 ounces.

18 January
HARKER, Joseph Blanc, to wife of James Harker, OMC, 6 pounds.
MILLSAP, Boy, to wife of Gerald Millsap, T/Sgt, 8 pounds.
WELLS, Sterling Avery, to wife of Sterling Wells, AD2, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
LOGAN, Linda Alice, to wife of James Logan, AK2, 4 pounds, 6½ ounces.
ALEXANDER, Celia Ellen, to wife of Neward Alexander, CSG3, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.

19 January
McCAWLEY, Girl, to wife of George McCawley, CS3, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
DUPREY, Beverly Ann, to wife of Virgil Duprey, AMC, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
PERONA, Paul Eugene, Jr., to wife of Paul Perona, SN, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

20 January
WALKER, Robert Thomas, to wife of Robert Walker, M/Sgt, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
AMEIGH, Deborah Georgene, to wife of George Ameigh, SK1, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
TRUITT, Michael Ray, to wife of Richard Truitt, PN3, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
SHARON, Vincent, Jr., to wife of Vincent Sharon, TEC, 9 pounds.
BARR, Bill Grant, to wife of Bill A. Barr, Sgt, 9 pounds.

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplains—James D. Hester, E. L. Wicks
Sunday—
Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....0900
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
Church Service, Chapel.....1100
Monday—
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
The Chaplains' offices are located in Ward 40-A.

Catholic:

Chaplains—A. T. Wallace, W. Trower
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
1215 in Catholic Oratory
Confessions before Mass.
Mass Monday to Saturday, 0645, 1150.
Novena and Study Club, Tuesdays.....1900

Bus service has been arranged for ward patients for both Catholic and Protestant divine services. The bus will pick up patients fifteen minutes before each service and return them to their respective wards after each service.

Saturday, 27 January, 1951

OAK LEAF

Sportsmen's Show Here 29 January

Sportsman's night will be held in the Red Cross Lounge Monday night at 1900 under the auspices of the Hospital Committee for the Associated Sportsmen of California, with sports personalities and acts from virtually every field of physical endeavor attending.

Headlining the show will be Tom Robson and his canine companion, Pal, "The World's Greatest Talking Dog." The animal is a whiz at addition, subtraction, and division, and boasts of having all the answers.

The tumbling team from Hayward High School will perform under the direction of Fred Taoli, noted gymnast. Jay Jacobus, local football sportscaster for the Associated Tidewater Oil Company, will be on hand with slides and a question and answer program on the past football season.

Lawrence Moore, carver from the Plastic Mart and Craft Center, will demonstrate artistic carving in plastic materials, and show many items of interest to sportsmen. Frank Nunes, dog trainer from San Jose, will have some of his performing hounds going through their paces.

Guy Elston, noted baseball librarian and authority, will be on hand to discuss some of the sport's famous players, famous games, and oddities.

The demonstrations and displays will be sponsored by the Alameda Naval Air Station Sportsmen, Richmond Rod and Gun Club, Diablo Rod and Gun Club, Castro Valley Rod and Gun Club, and Hayward Sportsmen's Club.

Hi-Lites

Oklahoma City, Okla. (AFPS) — Mrs. Louise Johnson, a schoolteacher, forgot where she parked her car. Police took part in the search. They located it in a no parking area.

Red Hook, N.Y. (AFPS) — Not a single horse has been stolen in this town in the past year. Nevertheless, the Red Hook Society for the Apprehension and Detention of Horse Thieves celebrated its 154th anniversary, elected new officers, and accepted four new members.

Memphis, Tenn. (AFPS) — It's pretty common when people want to give away puppies or kittens, but Mrs. C. T. Crawley is searching for suitable homes for 50 or 60 baby tropical snails.

Miami Beach, Fla. (AFPS) — While crowds on the beach sent up a resounding cheer, Larry Robinson "rode herd" on a seven foot, 55-pound sailfish with his speed boat. He then reached over the side of the boat, grabbed the fish by its bill and pulled it in.

South Bend, Ind. (AFPS) — To avoid a quarrel with his wife, Monroe McDaniel went to a movie. When he was ready to come home, he found the wires of his car had been tampered with. He went home and broke up some furniture. Then his wife set fire to the bed sheets and ran from the house. "I guess a divorce is the only way out," said McDaniel.

Senior Chaplain Reports Aboard



CDR J. A. Whitman

CDR. J. A. Whitman, CHC, USN, who reported for duty from the USS Columbus, (CA74), following duty in the European theatre, has taken over his duties as senior chaplain of the hospital.

CDR. Whitman is a Baptist by denomination, and held pastorates in Nebraska, Colorado, Massachusetts, and Idaho before entering the Navy in 1942. His first assignment was to Mare Island, but that was followed shortly by duty aboard the USS Portland.

While aboard the cruiser, Chaplain Whitman saw action at Santa Cruz, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, the Marshalls, and the Aleutian Islands. Other duty stations during his naval history include Portsmouth Naval Hospital, USS Bunker Hill, District Chaplain, Kodiak, Alaska; and Chaplain of Midshipmen, Pensacola, Florida.

Chaplain Whitman will reside with his family at 18140 Lamson Road, Hayward.

Army Returns Doctors Borrowed From Navy

Washington (AFPS) — The first 100 Navy medical officers from a group of 570 now on loan to the Army soon will return to the Navy for duty.

The Navy announced that orders are being issued for the doctors' return by early February. These doctors had been ordered to duty with the Army by the Secretary of Defense to alleviate the shortage of doctors in the Army Medical Service.

Navy Jets Set Record For Overland Flight

Quonset Point, R. I. (AFPS) — Two of the Navy's jet fighters have established a new speed record for a flight between Jacksonville, Fla., and the Naval Air Station here.

The planes making the recent flight were F9F carrier-based Gruman Panther Cats, the latest type Navy fighter now being used in Korea. They flew the 989 miles in one hour and 59 minutes, averaging 536 miles an hour.

Korean Casualties Are Eligible For VA Educational Benefits

The Veterans Administration has issued regulations outlining conditions under which veterans, disabled after fighting started in Korea, may be entitled to Public Law 16 rehabilitation training.

The training, previously limited to World War II veterans, was extended to many veterans disabled on or after June 27, 1950, by Public Law 894, signed by the President late last year.

Most of the policies and procedures set up under Public Law 16 itself have been carried over to the new training program, VA said. In fact, the newcomers apply for training on the same forms used by disabled World War II veterans.

Under Public Law 894, a veteran must have been disabled after the Korean conflict began and prior to a date yet to be fixed.

The new law requires that the disability be such that VA may pay compensation at full wartime rates. Such rates are paid for disabilities or injuries resulting from armed conflict, or during extra-hazardous serv-

ice, or while the United States is engaged in war.

Under the new law, the July 25, 1956, deadline for Public Law 16 training will not apply to the newly-disabled veterans. Instead, they will have nine years from the end of the current emergency in which to train.

Public Law 894 states that veterans who already had GI Bill or Public Law 16 training, as a result of their World War II service, may be entitled to additional training, if found necessary because of new disabilities.

In determining whether such a World War II veteran needs training, and what type he should get, VA will consider his previous records of advisement and training as well as his current medical record. The reason, VA said, is that previous training may be capitalized to the fullest extent practicable.

In the case of a veteran who interrupted Public Law 16 training to re-enter the Armed Forces, VA also will evaluate his past training record and present medical file, to determine whether he still is able to go ahead in the same employment objective.

Suggests Silent Records For PX Juke Boxes

New York (AFPS) — Juke boxes in military exchanges soon may be due for a new kind of "music."

Carleton Smith, director of the National Arts Foundation, has urged all coin music machine operators to place one blank record in all juke boxes.

"Customers," says Mr. Smith, "should be able to buy five cents worth of silence."

March of Dimes Ends 1951 Drive Next Week



There's not much time left, and there's still a long way to go. The 1951 March of Dimes drive ends at the hospital 31 January. So far, the contributions have been good, but for a cause such as the March of Dimes, no sum, however great, is good enough. There is no limit to the funds needed to stamp out polio.

Detroit (AFPS) — Charles Schedlbauer, 17, received a 15-day jail sentence on a reckless driving charge. Police say he was ice-skating with his car.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

STUFF 'N STUFF: HA Stan Shulman has an accent that could only come from one place in America: Brooklyn!!!—What will they think of next: Heard them using the P.A. system in HCQ for commercials the other p.m. — Oak Knoll Hospital could easily be called the "Bethesda of the West." We have as many schools here! Like the enthusiasm of our new HA's. They dart about as only an HA can. Al Morini runs to work on his ward—Ray Babin, of the R.O.'s night staff gets refused admission at the best bars and clubs. Cheer up, ole boy, Emancipation Day is almost here. You'll be 21 in June—"Tubby" Van Atta relinquished his title "King of Weight" to Bill Potts. Disbursing's Eleanor Freeman was seen sampling the cuisine at the "Patio." She wasn't alone, either.—Jim Thomas' B. W. flew in from New York for a visit, and what do you know—she likes our weather.—Petie Bowers got in about 3 a.m. recently. When queried as to his whereabouts, he said he had been bowling. Does anyone else know of a bowling alley that stays open until 3 a.m.?—Johnnie Brown is the bookworm of the base. He devours them.—The Paris Ballet draws droves of Knollites to their matinees.—Fred Allen has given up his nocturnal watches for the Captain's office. — The Library's Mrs. Perry and her B.H. (just the opposite of B.W.) are vacationing down L.A. way.—While we're at the library, here's another story about another librarian, Miss Weaver. Every afternoon her student husband picks her up after work. One afternoon she waited from 1630 until 1800. When he finally showed up, he asked, "Ready, dear?" It's a good thing she doesn't have a temper.

The morning after—"Last night I had a jug, and thou—today I have a hangover, and how."

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 28 January

OPERATION PACIFIC—John Wayne, Patricia Neal. **DRAMA.** Warner Bros. comes up with another military film, this time featuring the Navy. John Wayne is cast as a Naval officer whose marriage to Miss Neal was broken up after the death of their child. In the course of the picture he emerges a hero, and succeeds in winning back the love of his former wife, although hindered by a friendly rival. Rated very good.

Monday, 29 January

THE HEIRESS—Olivia DeHavilland, Montgomery Clift. **DRAMA.** This Paramount release stars two of their top dramatists, Miss DeHavilland plays one of her most difficult parts ably supported by Clift in one of the best productions in later months. Rated superior by reviewers.

Tuesday, 30 January

THE STEEL HELMET—Gene Evans, Steve Brodie. **DRAMA.** This picture makes a liar out of the trade tradition that great war pictures reach the screen only long after the war is over. It is a great war picture going out to the public while the conflict it deals with still rages. Every detail is more authentic than usually found and no efforts were spared to make it one of the most outstanding films of its kind. Rated excellent.

Wednesday, 31 January

BLUES BUSTERS—Leo Gorcey, Huntz Hall. **COMEDY.** As a result of a tonsillectomy, Huntz Hall emerges from the hospital with a million-dollar crooner's voice. Leo Gorcey and his pals capitalize on his voice in their nightclub, ruining business in surrounding clubs. After several of the clubs use various tricks to secure Hall's services, leading to misery for all, his natural voice returns. No rating available.

Thursday, 1 February

RETURN OF JESSE JAMES—John Ireland, Ann Dvorak. **WESTERN.** It seems that Jesse has a habit of popping up in a new picture just about the time his older ones stop running. This is one of Lipert's best productions and as usual features the antics of one of the most famous desperadoes of all time. Difficult scenes are well played by the stars. No rating available.

Friday, 2 February

THE COWBOY AND THE REDHEAD—Glenn Ford, Edmund O'Brien. **WESTERN.** No information available on this film.

Saturday, 3 February

DAUGHTER OF ROSIE O'GRADY (Color)—Gordon MacRae, June Haver. **MUSICAL.** If you like a good musical, this is one you don't want to miss. Warner Brothers has gone all out to bring to the screen one of the best musicals of some time. Featuring Miss Haver, who has traveled fast up the ladder to movie fame, it will give you 104 minutes of music and drama. Rated excellent.

"Hey," cried Satan to a new arrival, "you act like you own this place."

"I do," was the reply, "my wife gave it to me before I came here."

Some girls seem to think the way to travel the road to success is to take to the heir.

Laundry Tops Chiefs In Bowling Tourney

With McKim leading the way with a 254 in his first game, Laundry defeated the American league, leading CPO's No. 1 by the score of 3-1.

McKim started off with a bang as he bowled seven consecutive strikes in his first game. Never failing to mark, he proceeded to roll up the highest one-game score in the current tourney, taking Chief Hasbrook's place on the honor roll. He was unable to keep up the pace however, and missed a good chance to take high series total which is held by Chief Hasbrook with 562. McKim's three game total was 537.

The CPO's still lead their league with no one close enough to cause them any worry as yet. At present they are the only team with an average of over .500.

In Varsity Bowling at Alameda last Monday evening, Oak Knoll was unable to keep up with NAS, Alameda, and came out on the short end of the horn, 2-1. Martin was high for the hospital, with a 209 in his first game of the evening.

Sports Quiz

(By Armed Forces Press Service)

QUESTIONS

1. What football player played 28 straight games without taking time out?
2. Andy Uram established a professional football record for kicking, running or passing?
3. Charles S. Howard was the leading money-winning owner for 1937. Which of his horses was also top money winner for that year?
4. What horse took the highest purse in the history of the Kentucky Derby?
5. Lynn "Pappy" Waldorf coached which of these football teams to Conference title: Oklahoma A & M, Northwestern, California?

ANSWERS

1. Harry Butts, who played for the State Normal School, Bloomington, Pa., back in the 90's. But the truly unbelievable part of his feat was the fact that he played the 28 straight games wearing an artificial leg.
2. Running. Uram ran 97 yards from scrimmage to score a touchdown against the Chicago Cards in 1939.
3. Seabiscuit, who took down \$168,580 of the \$214,559 won by the late Mr. Howard.
4. Assault. His winning of the Derby in 1946 was worth \$96,400.
5. Waldorf coached all three to titles: Oklahoma A & M in 1932-33; Northwestern in 1936, and California in 1949-50.

Who's Who In The Pharmacy



A peek into the hospital pharmacy catches members of the staff preparing stock solutions. Left to right, D. K. Welch, HM2, T. H. Barnes, HM2, R. A. Crist, HM1, J. E. Brindle, HM2, W. H. Johnson, HM1, and L. H. Herzog, HM2, are unaware of the camera as they go about the duty of supplying the hospital with needed drugs. It is the job of these men to apply their knowledge to the preparation of the many medicines that are so necessary in the proper treatment of hospital patients.

Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll's Personnel Office had a busy time during the week of 17 January through 22 January as ninety-five reported aboard and fourteen were transferred.

Reporting aboard were CDR R. F. Christoph, from Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, Ill.; CDR J. A. Whitman, CHC, from USS Columbus (CA-74); LT's Jane Hardie, and Irene A. Billerbeck, and LTJG's Bessie R. Weeter, Marie R. Pelletier, Martha Parrish, and Bette J. Southard, from inactive duty; LTJG Eunice E. Richardson, from NAS, Kodiak, Alaska; LTJG K. J. P. Fijan, from USNH, Oakland, Calif. (patient status); LTJG Marjorie J. Revis, from Naval Station, Tongue Point, Astoria, Oregon; B. E. Clark, HM1, from ComWestSeafRon; W. P. Powell, SD1, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; HM1's R. T. Colburn, W. B. Connick, J. A. Tyler, and R. H. Walker, from USNRS, Treasure Island, California.

W. B. Finch, HM2, from USNH, San Diego, Calif.; H. H. Harvey, from USNRC, San Diego, Calif.; HM2's B. P. Towne, F. L. Raymond, H. C. Kelso, and H. V. Graham, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; C. H. Helms, Jr., HM2, from USNH, Pensacola, Florida; R. E. Scales, HM2, from Camp Lejeune, N. C.; L. Mallari, HM3, from USNH, Bremerton, Wash.; Rea M. Miller, HM3 (W), from ADCOMD, USNRC, Great Lakes, Ill.; J. E. Thornburg, HM3, from NAS, Alameda, Calif.; W. J. Harris, HM3, from ADCOMD, USNRC, Great Lakes, Illinois.

HN's J. E. Denfield and T. I. Ambrose, from USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; HN's K. E. McCarthy, J. F. Hurley, L. J. Clevenger, and R. K. Parker, from USNH, Bremerton, Wash.; HN's L. J. Wheeler and D. M. Cinesalis, from USNHS, Great Lakes, Ill.; P. A. Rogalinski, HN (W), from USNH, Bremerton, Wash.; A. M. Kjergaard, HN, from USNH, Mare Island, Calif.; R. K. Borrow,

HN, from USNH, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; G. C. Gooder, HN, from USNRC, San Diego, Calif.; Elisabeth L. Ledbetter, HN (W), from USNH, San Diego, Calif.; Verla Ashby, HN (W), from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; HN's L. Appe, C. W. Lockwood, M. S. Noack, M. H. Ososke, J. Benton, L. E. Biggs, J. Blackledge, C. A. Bonham, A. L. Cope, R. C. Russell, and J. N. Sirmon, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; C. A. Rall, Jr., HN, from USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; HN's A. G. Gaddin, and R. E. Duke, and HA's R. B. Buchanan, W. J. Manuel, S. A. Newquist, C. M. Rhodes, L. R. Shelledy, G. W. Thompson, and W. M. Thompson, from USNRC, Corps School, San Diego, California.

HA's R. J. O'Connell, A. E. Morini, R. L. Dieckman, A. F. Stavanau, D. M. Pyne, J. L. Hill, A. J. Jackson, Jr., K. J. Zeigler, K. A. Link, G. L. Robinson, C. E. Teske, R. C. Mantiglia, L. A. Fenzl, D. N. Stanley, R. B. Lemieux, E. D. Durr, L. J. Chapman, R. Peck, E. C. Summersville, G. O. Greene, S. Shulman, R. D. Urbach, F. R. Goodall, L. D. Owens, C. P. Buck, M. A. Pearsall, L. D. Rothe, and L. S. Katz, from USNH Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill.; HA's R. Boks, R. A. Blanc, and W. Anderson, from USNRS, Treasure Island, California.

Detached were LCDR J. D. Hester, Commandant, Twelfth Naval District; LT Thessalona A. Wilson, to inactive duty; LTJG J. F. Sherrill, to USNH, Bremerton, Wash.; LTJG Helen A. Germer, to USNH, San Diego, Calif.; LTJG J. G. Whitney, to inactive duty; MML1's C. J. Demars, and C. E. Durham, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; FFT; E. Yukna, HM1, to NAS, San Diego, Calif.; W. B. Sanderson, MM2, E. F. Fallace, SOG2, A. W. Clempner, DCW2, T. Bieski, FCS3, R. J. Brule, FCS3, and R. K. Lane, HN, to USNRS, Treasure Island, California, FFT.

The vacuum cleaner salesman was demonstrating in a skyscraper apartment building. The door bell rang.

"It's probably my husband!" gasped the housewife. "He's insanely jealous. Jump out the window."

"But this is the thirteenth floor!" said the salesman.

"Go on," she said, "this is no time to be superstitious."

Life Guards Needed For Swimming Pool

All staff enlisted personnel who hold Senior Life Saving Certificates and who wish to make some extra money are urged to contact Joe Reginato at the Welfare and Recreation Office and apply for life guard positions at the hospital pool.

MY FRIEND IRMA.



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Captain Sterling S. Cook Selected For Promotion

Commanding Officer's Message

Your congratulations and good wishes during the past week have been most gratifying, as your fine cooperation and loyalty have been during the past two years.

Thanks very much for your help, which is in a large measure responsible for my selection.

S. S. COOK

Captain, MC, USN

Commanding Officer

Oak Knoll's CO To Be Advanced To Rear Admiral

"It couldn't have happened to a better man" was the consensus at the hospital this week when word of Captain Cook's promotion to the rank of Rear Admiral came from Washington at the conclusion of a ten-day meeting of a Navy selection board. Rear Admiral Lamont Pugh, MC, USN, Surgeon General of the Navy, telephoned the good news to the Commanding Officer Tuesday morning.

Admiral Cook's promotion climaxes two years of outstanding service to Oak Knoll and nearly 34 years in the Navy Medical Corps. His only regret, shared by his many friends here, is that he soon will be leaving Oak Knoll for a new assignment. Where he will go has not been announced, but it is reported that he will be relieved by Captain J. N. C. Gordon, who has served with him as executive officer here since 1 November 1949.

34 YEARS IN NAVY

A native of LaCrosse, Virginia, Admiral Cook has been in the Navy for nearly 34 years. He was commissioned lieutenant junior grade in 1917 immediately after he received his M.D. from the Medical College of Virginia, at Richmond. Following a post-graduate course in the Naval Medical School, Washington, D.C., he was assigned to duty with the Marine Expeditionary Forces in Cuba. He later became Director of Sanitation and Quarantine for the National Public Health Service in Haiti and served there from 1928 to 1932, when he was assigned to duty as Director of Laboratory and Instructor in Tropical Medicine and Parasitology at the Naval Medical Center in Washington.

From 1933 to 1936 while serving as Chief of the Division of Preventive Medicine, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, he studied at Johns Hopkins University for the degree of Doctor of Public Health. He was the first Navy doctor to receive that degree.

During World War II Admiral Cook served as Senior Medical Officer aboard the USS Relief; as District Medical Officer on the staff of the Commandant, Tenth Naval District, in the Caribbean Area, and as Medical Officer in Command of Fleet Hospital 105 in Noumea, New Caledonia. For his outstanding service during the South Pacific assignment, he was awarded the Legion of Merit.



Postwar billets held by the Admiral include those of Senior Medical Officer of the Navy's largest training center at San Diego, Fleet Medical Officer on the staff of the Commander, Seventh Fleet, China, and Commanding Officer at U. S. Naval Hospital, Bremerton, the post he held for 16 months just before reporting to Oak Knoll on March 29, 1949.

A specialist in the field of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, Admiral Cook is the author of numer-

ous professional articles in that field. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, a member of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and the National Malaria Society, a Nominee of the College of Hospital Administrators, and a Fellow of the American Public Health Association, the American College of Physicians, and the Association for the Advancement of Science.

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RADM Pugh New Surgeon General

Rear Admiral Lamont Pugh, MC, USN, was sworn in Monday morning by Rear Admiral George L. Russell, USN, Judge Advocate General of the Navy, as Surgeon General of the Navy and Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, to succeed Rear Admiral C. A. Swanson, MC, USN. The ceremony took place in the office of the Secretary of the Navy Francis P. Matthews.

Rear Admiral Pugh is the 25th Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and the twenty-first to hold the title of Surgeon General of the Navy. The office of Surgeon General was created in 1871 and the first four incumbents of the Office of the Chief of this Bureau did not bear this title.

Admiral Pugh is the second Virginian to be appointed to this office. He is also the second Surgeon General to be appointed while serving as Deputy and Assistant Chief of the Bureau.

Born in Batesville, Virginia, February 5, 1895, the new Surgeon General received his preliminary education in public schools of Virginia and served as an enlisted man U.S. Marine Corps in the first World War. He graduated in medicine from the University of Virginia in 1923 and immediately entered the Naval Medical Corps as Lieutenant, Junior Grade.

Famous Movie Star Appears Here Today

Joan Fontaine, star of "September Affair," and former Academy Award winner, will visit the wards of the hospital today. She will arrive at the hospital between 1400 and 1500. Miss Fontaine is in the Bay Area for the San Francisco premier of "September Affair," in which she co-stars with Joseph Cotten.



Here to congratulate the Admiral Tuesday were his son, William B. Cook, Stanford senior, his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Clark of Menlo Park, and Mrs. Cook.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Among the many inspiring stories about George Washington, the Father of our country, is one told by an old farmer. While the American Army was quartered in his neighborhood, near White Plains, New York, the farmer arose one day at sunrise to let some cattle in from the pasture. On passing a clump of trees, he heard a voice of someone in prayer. Finally, the man of God came forth from the brush. It was George Washington.

The farmer hurried home to tell his wife.
"Mary, we may not oppose the movement any longer. This work is from the Lord. I heard General Washington praying for our country. I know his prayers will be heard."

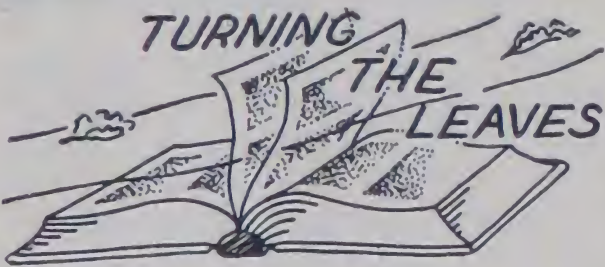
That Washington arose with the sun and prayed every day, is witnessed by one of his bodyguards, an old man who lived near Princeton University. He testified that the General rose every morning at four and began by reading part of the Bible, and then knelt down and prayed for several minutes. Then he began the business of the day.

We expected it; yet we are thrilled to know that the Father of our country was a man of daily prayer, that he found time in the midst of trying circumstances to kneel down and talk to God. Every great man does the same thing.

Without set times for prayer, we will neglect it entirely. Morning and evening prayer are essential. Say them as regularly as you dress and undress. They need not be long; they must be regular. Every day be sure to praise and thank God. During the day there should be some prayer. Say a silent prayer at every meal. Often recall that God is present—everywhere.

If George Washington, with all the cares and anxieties of the revolution on his shoulders, could get up at four and pray for several minutes, then you can get up and pray for at least a minute or two. Try it. That will change your entire day.

A. T. WALLACE, Catholic Chaplain



What's new in the Library this month? The following selections and many others purchased with funds donated by the employees of the J. C. Penney Company, are now available:

NOVELS

- The Bicycle Thieves (Bartolini).
- Catpaw, the Confessions of a Disillusioned Communist Spy (Borden).
- Balance Wheel (Caldwell).
- Son of a Hundred Kings, a novel of the Nineties (Costain).
- Collected Stories (Faulkner).
- The Faith of Mrs. Kelleen (Flannigan).
- The Mare's Nest, life and death in the badlands of Arizona (Griffith).

Blandings Way, the sequel to Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House (Hodgins).

Point of Honor, another World War II story (Kadish).

Moulin Rouge, based on the life of Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec (La Mure).

The Witch Diggers (West, Jessamy).

Never Give the Heart (Willets).

WESTERNS

- Outlaw of Longbow (Dawson).
- Riders by Night (Nelson).

DETECTIVES

- Dark Bahama (Cheyney).
- Butcher's Dozen and Other Murders (Martin).
- You Can't Live Forever (Masur).
- A Stranger On the Stair (Mortimer).
- Murder On the Left Bank (Paul, Elliott).
- The Follower (Quentin).



Dwight Thietten, SK3, Ward 43A, has been working diligently on his hobby of building ship models for the past eighteen months. Since his hospitalization last October, he has completed an outstanding three-masted, full-rigged schooner. When the new Red Cross Craft Shop was opened, the ship was launched and christened "Cutty Sark." Admiring it with him is Mrs. Thomas C. Haven, Red Cross Craft Gray Lady.

Red Cross Ramblings

BEEN MISSING ANYTHING?

What's doing in Red Cross recreational activities? This question arises whenever a new patient enters the hospital. So-o-o, for your information we are briefly listing activities available through Red Cross facilities:

STAMP CLUB

Open to patients and staff. The club meets every Wednesday afternoon in the Recreation Room, second deck, Community Service Building. Mrs. Dallas is the Gray Lady in charge. She visits bed patients upon referral.

CHESS CLUB

Carries on a perpetual tourney throughout the hospital, including both patients and staff. Beginners and mediocre players as well as experts are in the club. Instruction is given by community volunteer men, with books and magazines loaned. Occasional outside matches. Bimonthly chess news and rating sheet. Score chits may be handed to any Red Cross Gray Lady or staff worker. Prizes offered.

LANGUAGE LESSONS

French, German and Latin instruction given on Mondays and Thursdays.

MUSIC LESSONS

Piano lessons Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Voice lessons on Tuesday afternoons.

ORCHESTRA

Patients play for dances and ward programs. Practice sessions are held in the Music Room at the Red Cross Lounge. Instruments are furnished. (We need trombone, trumpet, clarinet, and sax players.)

TROPICAL FISH

Aquariums are located on some wards. If you would like an aquarium, ask your ward worker.

DANCE CLASS

Held each Tuesday and Friday in the Lounge; 1300 for beginners, 1500 for more experienced dancers. Instructors are from Arthur Murray and Veloz and Yolanda studios.

ART INSTRUCTION

Monday and Thursday afternoons by Mrs. Nelson, Gray Lady.

RECREATION LOUNGE

Open every day from 1300 until 2100. Hostess and dance nights on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings. Squares and rounds on Friday.

The photography dark room is also in the Lounge (Building 32) and is open Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday evenings. Other hours by appointment.

HANDCRAFTS

Walter Sylvia, SN, Ward 48B, brought a sketch of himself recently done by one of the artists from the California School of Arts and Crafts to the Craft Shop. His pals on his ward thought it an excellent likeness so they suggested that he try putting it on copper. He traced it carefully on paper from the sketch and with this outline transferred the tracing to copper. His detail and careful precision reproduced into an excellent likeness of himself.

Everyone admires leather craft and the first thought that comes to mind is, "Oh, I would like a wallet or a holster." Master Sgt. Loren L. Strand, Ward 41B, commented that he couldn't do that fine intricate carving, but you should see his masterpiece, a carved leather handbag for his wife. With some instruction, you too can make any number of useful articles in leather.

BON VOYAGE!

We bid farewell to two of our staff members who have received their orders for overseas duty. Many patients who have recently returned from the Far East have been giving the girl sage advice about the Far East. If all the suggestions were utilized they would have to pack at least four foot lockers. From the time you climb the gangplank till you hear that "All Ashore," our thoughts go with you for a pleasant assignment. Ruth Lubbe and Sandy Faulkner. Cheerio!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Pfc. Jack Griffiths, of Ward 42, was surprised when a huge cake was wheeled in on a gurney to his bedside 29 January. How many of those 21 candles were you able to blow out when you made your wish, Jack?

Divine Services

Protestant:

- Chaplains—J. A. Whitman, E. L. Wade.
- Sunday—
- Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....0945
- Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
- Church Service, Chapel.....1100
- Monday—
- Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800
- Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
- The Chaplains' offices are located in Ward 40-A.

Catholic:

- Chaplains—A. T. Wallace, W. Trower.
- Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
- 0900 in Large Chapel
- 1215 in Large Chapel

Confessions before Mass.
Mass Monday to Saturday, 0645, 1150.
Novena and Study Club, Tuesdays.....1900

Bus service has been arranged for ward patients for both Catholic and Protestant divine services. The bus will pick up patients fifteen minutes before each service and return them to their respective wards after each service.



Dr. William J. Kerr, Professor of Medicine at the University of California, spoke here Tuesday night to staff medical officers on the subject, "Clinical Physiology Relative to Coronary Insufficiency, Symptomatology, and Therapeutic Implications." Dr. Kerr, a member of Oak Knoll's consulting staff, has spoken here on a number of occasions in connection with the basic science program. He is active in national, state, and local medical organizations and has contributed widely to medical books and journals. He has been a member of the staff at the University of California Medical School since 1916.

Next week's basic science lecture will be presented by Dr. Loren R. Chandler, Professor of Surgery and Dean of Stanford Medical School.

Patient to Try His Luck on "\$64 Question"

Cpl. Clarence A. Wilson, USMC, 48, who is serving his fourth hitch in the Marine Corps, will get his chance at the "\$64 Question" Sunday night from Ward 77B.

Cpl. Wilson will be a remote contestant on the popular NBC show which stars comedian Jack Paar. Paar will phone Cpl. Wilson's ward Sunday evening during the broadcast, and ask him the questions leading to 64 bucks.

Cpl. Wilson will automatically receive \$64 for appearing on the program, and then if he can answer all the questions in his chosen category, he will be awarded \$64 more.

The program can be heard locally over Station KNBC at 7 p.m. Sunday night.

TV Set Given in Memory of Sgt. Kimbrough

Sergeant Richard Kimbrough, USA, 21, who had been a patient here since 6 October, died last Friday from complications that developed as a result of wounds incurred in action in Korea.

His friends on Ward 71-B will remember him for his courage during the months that he was here. They will also have a television set to remember him by. The set, originally purchased for the young sergeant, has been presented to the ward by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Kimbrough, 6028 Southside Drive, Los Angeles, California.

A First Sergeant is a source of information that can always give you the details.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

21 January

ROTHACHER, Charles Edward, to wife of Charles Rothacher, Pfc, 10 pounds, 1 ounce.

WHITE, Johnny Bryan, to wife of Jackson White, EM3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

POSEY, Randall, to wife of Ross Posey, ETC, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

TAITANO, Jacinta Antoinette, to wife of Teodoro Taitano, SD1, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

BIRDSONG, Roy Franklin, to wife of Roy F. Birdsong, AD3, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

WOODARD, Wanda Lee, to wife of James Woodard, PR3, 5 pounds, 8½ ounces.

WHITE, Robert Neal, to wife of Clayton White, ET3, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

TWOROGGER, Michelle B., to wife of Philip Tworoger, Cpl, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

LOHOFF, Gary James to wife of Lewis Lohoff, LTJG, 7 pounds, 6¼ ounces.

RICKETT, Boy, to wife of Walter Rickett, CHMACH, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

COFFMAN, Walter Douglas, to wife of James W. Coffman, Sgt, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

22 January

NOBLES, Douglas James, to wife of Julius Nobles, BM2, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

DOBSON, Teresa Susan, to wife of Kenneth Dobson, LT, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

GALINSKY, Deborah Jeanne, to wife of Jerome Galinsky, CT3, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

PARK, James Anthony, to wife of Adair Park, ALC, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

GOODMAN, Sheryl Lynne, to wife of Robert Goodman, ENS, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

FOLEY, Thomas Joseph, to wife of Robert Foley, DC1, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

BREST, Lynda Kay, to wife of John Brest, ADAN, 8 pounds, 6½ ounces.

GUNDERT, Mark Leonard, to wife of Leonard Gundert, LT, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

23 January

ATKINS, Phyllis Jean, to wife of Samuel Atkins, SD1, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

CAVANAUGH, Steven Lee, to wife of Morrison Cavanaugh, LTJG, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

SADLER, Robert Jules, II, to wife of Robert Sadler, LTJG, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

BONE, Michael, to wife of Walter Bone, Sgt, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

SCHMORDE, Frederick, to wife of Geri Schmorde, Pfc, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

GREGORY, Susan, to wife of John Gregory, LTJG, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.

BURFORD, Kenneth Earl, to wife of Leonard Burford, HN, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

24 January

TISCH, Marsha Ann, to wife of Howard Tisch, GM2, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

DOVE, Wendy Ann, to wife of Richard Dove, AL3, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

KIMBALL, Ronald Barry, to wife of Delbert Kimball, S/Sgt, 7 pounds, 15½ ounces.

ERVEN, Deborah Lee, to wife of Alvin Erven, AN, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.

25 January

STEVENS, Mark Root, to wife of Mortimer Stevens, LTJG, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

MCDONALD, Roger William, to wife of R. W. McDonald, RD3, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

CRESAP, Robert Clayton, to wife of Charles Cresap, CAPT, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

SADA, Irene, to wife of Joe Sada, BM3, 8 pounds, 3½ ounces.

PEACOCK, David Charles, to wife of Charlie Peacock, AD3, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

26 January

GEARHART, David John, to wife of Edmund Gearhart, OM1, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

RODGERS, Elaine Marie, to wife of James Rodgers, RDC, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

BURKE, Larry Wayne, Jr., to wife of Larry W. Burke, SA, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

JOHNSON, Larry Michael, to wife of Robert Johnson, GM2, 8 pounds.

27 January

EDMONDS, Gary Oliver, to wife of Garland Edmonds, TEC, 8 pounds, 3½ ounces.

DUNN, Carolyn Sue, to wife of William Dunn, SN, 4 pounds, 15 ounces.

HENNE, Linda Marie, to wife of Clifford Henne, ADAN, 8 pounds, 8½ ounces.

RUSSELL, Girl, to wife of Charles Russell, LCDR, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

HARRIS, Scott Palmer, to wife of Floyd Harris, LCDR, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

BODELL, John Michael, to wife of Bryant Bodell, AL1, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

CARTWRIGHT, Gerald Lee, to wife of La Vern Cartwright, SN, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

PAINE, Larry Dale, to wife of Forrest Paine, AK3, 10 pounds, 2 ounces.

CATTERMOLE, Vickie Marie, to wife of Richard Cattermole, AM3, 7 pounds, 7½ ounces.

MCDONALD, Girl, to wife of Raymond McDonald, Sgt, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

MCGUIRE, Sally Louise, to wife of Leslie McGuire, BM3, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

GRAHAM, Gerald Gregory, to wife of Joseph Graham, CBM, 9 pounds.

PURYEAR, Marguerite, to wife of Robert Puryear, SN, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.



Ed Russell, 13, of the Weldonian Band, takes off on a xylophone solo during the band's appearance in the station auditorium last Friday. The Weldonians, starting on a program of entertaining the Armed Forces in this area, made Oak Knoll their first stop.

Hi-Lites

Albany, Ga., (AFPS) — An incoming air liner was forced to zoom back into the air when two bird dogs, on the runway, spotted the plane and thinking it was a bird, froze "on point."

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Newport News, Va. (AFPS)—Mrs. Octavia McCoy obtained a warrant for her husband because he was "feuding around." Her husband's name is Hatfield McCoy.

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South Danbury, N. H. (AFPS) — A thirst for knowledge in Pauline Ford can't be quenched because of distance. She travels a 64-mile round trip route each day to attend high school.

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Detroit, Mich. (AFPS) — Matthew Walker was arrested and charged with breaking down an apartment door and stealing a man's suit. He explained to the court he was "learning a new dance step and lost my balance and fell through."

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South Bend, Ind. (AFPS) — Helen Ford, 12, married her stepfather's brother, George Ford, 26. Now Helen is her own step-aunt, her mother is her sister-in-law, and her stepfather is her brother-in-law.

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Ionia, Mich. (AFPS)—The normal fine for overtime parking here is \$1. But if the fine is paid within 48 hours, it is only 10 cents.

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Great Falls, Mont. (AFPS)—Human was inhuman. That's what Mrs. Human told the judge who granted her a divorce from Frank H. Human. She said he treated her in an "inhuman manner."

Red Faces!!

Unityville AFB, Korea (AFPS) — A large group of Chinese communists recently were caught with their pants down—literally. Four F-51 pilots surprised the group in the act of changing into civilian clothes. Were their faces red!

Most women have a keen sense of humor. The more you humor them the better they like it.

"Weldonians" Play To Packed House

The trumpets blared and the cymbals clanged last Friday night in the station auditorium when the Weldonian Band made its second hospital appearance, staging another excellent concert.

The band, directed by Weldon L. Leonardson, who founded the organization in 1939, gave forth with a variety of tunes that ranged from popular to martial.

All members of the Weldonians range in age from seven to eighteen. The 35-piece show band was the group brought to Oak Knoll. They also can field a 165-piece outfit for parades and outdoor appearances.

The band, which is a non-profit organization and completely self-supporting, has almost a military organization. Its members all hold rank in the organization, and are promoted on the basis of individual merit.

They have long been specializing in shows for the Armed Forces. The Oak Knoll performance was the first of their current series of programs. During the last three and one-half years, they have defeated most all of the bands in this area in competition.

Featured performers were Charles DeBari, whose trumpet solo was an imitation of Harry James, and Gene Rolandelli, clarinetist. Both are assistants to Director Leonardson. Another talented soloist was drummer Carlton Johnson.

Beavers Build Dams Where Man Fails

Chalk River, Ont. (AFPS)—A family of beavers, residents of Canada's Chalk River, have accomplished a task too difficult for scientists at the atomic energy plant here.

Workmen tried to build a small dam in the river to store water for a plant project but failed.

Old-timers advised the scientists to put a pair of beavers on the site. The animals erected a watertight dam in short order. They also keep it in repair throughout the year.

Run Over By Tank And Lives To Tell The Story

Phone Cord Halts Marine's Escape

Whenever Pfc. Vernon Clark, USMC, 21, on Ward 77B, thinks of complaining because the bandages around his middle are too tight, he remembers the pressure on that same mid-section last October 6 when a 46-ton medium tank came to rest on his left hip.

Clark was an observation team member of the Engineer Battalion, 11th Marines. On 6 October, he and the three other members of the team were assigned to direct an air strike by Marine Corsairs on an enemy position. The four Leathernecks took a position in a clump of shrubbery next to a rice paddy.

Clark was wearing the throat mike and relaying information for the strafing planes. The noise of the close-supporting Corsairs was so great that the group failed to hear the approaching Army tank that was heading for them. Suddenly, through the clump of brush to their rear, the tank appeared. The three other members of the group were killed instantly as the giant treads of the tank caught them up before they were aware of its presence.

Clark had time to get up and start running, but the 32-foot phone wire attached to the throat mike jerked him to the ground. He struggled to get up, but it was too late. The treads of the tank rolled over his right leg and began rolling up his left leg. When the treads reached his left hip, the tank stopped. Someone had finally contacted the tank crew and told them what was happening.

When the tank was finally rolled back off Clark, he was gently lifted from the rice paddy and rushed to Kimpo airfield, where Army surgeons operated immediately. He was flown to Yokosuka, Tripler, and then on to Oak Knoll. The cast, which Vernon wore for three and one-half months, was removed last week, and his right leg has healed. It will be a lot longer before his left leg and hip are in working order, and he has been told that complete recovery will mean two more years of hospitalization.

Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Clark, 26 Grant Avenue, Cateret, New Jersey, joined the Marines on 16 November, 1948. He is former blocking back on the Cateret High School single-winged football team. "Golly," he says, "I used to think having a 200-pound tackle fall on me was something. That seems like child's play now."

Salt Lake City (AFPS) — Alex Lindholm left his wife in his car while he dropped in for a snack. Then he forgot where he parked the car. Thirteen hours later, police located the car with Mrs. Lindholm still waiting patiently. "I knew he'd come back," was her comment.

Tommy: "Mom, is it true that we come from dust and will return to dust?"

Mom: "Yes, dear, that's what the Bible says. Why?"

Tommy: "Well, I just looked under my bed and there's somebody there, either comin' or goin'."



LTJG Martha Parrish, NC, USN, listens attentively on Ward 77B as Pfc. Vernon Clark, USMC, of Cateret, New Jersey, tells what it was like to have a 46-ton medium tank run over him in Korea. Clark was the only surviving member of a four-man observation team that was overrun by the misguided tank.

Welcome and Farewell

The Oak Knoll Personnel Office was again a beehive of activity during the week of 24 January through 30 January as 83 reported aboard and 22 were detached.

Reporting aboard were LCDR Clara L. Lampp, from Naval Dispensary, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.; LT Josephine M. Hanks, and LTJG's Lorraine M. Rau, and Alice L. Berry, from inactive duty; W. Holland, HMC, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.

C. G. Nelson, HM1, from USNH, Bremerton, Wash.; HM1's C. G. Cabeen, G. G. Tarrant, R. Livesay, J. P. Lewis, J. Whitfield, B. J. Praytor, E. E. Rothenberger, J. H. Dellis, A. Cassillas, W. Bradley, M. H. McDonough, and C. W. Derby, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; A. Crawford, SD1, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.

HM2's P. Thomas, J. W. Griffith, M. L. Wharton, R. Longley, C. H. Murray, W. Lawrence, W. H. Hansen, J. A. Crosby, W. O. Hoyme, and A. W. Rodda, and HM3's J. R. Henry, D. W. Howard, A. Sandberg, D. D. York, J. G. Saxton, L. O. Sunde, T. R. Craven, C. L. Arnold, B. C. Boone, C. L. Granan, D. Brooks, J. O. Butler, J. G. Denton, J. W. Garrett, J. R. Giles, T. D. Ballentine, J. B. Bryant, J. Cummings, R. L. Curtin, D. H. Flora, J. E. Larson, L. Catterton, D. Collins, R. G. Fox, B. D. Major, C. S. Morris, G. E. Oliver, O. S. Smith, R. B. Swift, P. Vaughn, G. W. Altland, B. A. Jackson, W. Nichols, and J. Lucich, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.

P. W. Rauka, HM3, from USNH, Chelsea, Mass.; R. F. Dingman, HN, from USNH, San Diego, Calif.; HN's G. Heath, R. Slarodnik, A. L. Foster, C. Helburn, J. C. Johnston, W. Loyd, J. R. Mason, V. R. Sells, A. E. Smith, C. W. Mach, R. N. Low, T. L. Marr, and F. Barnhart, and HA's R. D. Boisvert, H. C. Brown, and W. G. Fobry, and SA's H. B. Gaskins, and D. L. Geer, from USNRS, Treas-

Wounded Fighter Worth More Than \$50,000

With the U. S. Second Infantry Division in Korea (AFPS)—The life of a wounded American soldier is worth far more than \$50,000.

A money order team of the 2nd Infantry Division made this clear during the Nakdong break-through. At the front with the 9th Regimental Combat Team, the GI bankers had written out that amount when the Reds stormed across the river, surrounding the unit.

When a jeep arrived to take the money and its keepers away, it was assigned to evacuate a wounded fighter.

One soldier explained, "... there was a wounded man who needed medical attention and we all figured it was more important for him to have the jeep. Later we got back safely, and every dime accounted for."

ure Island, Calif.

Detached were LT Anna M. Cole, and LTJG's Martha M. Harris, and Margaret A. Smyth, to inactive duty; LTJG's L. F. Snyder, and C. P. Johnson, Jr., to Naval Dental School, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland; ENS Ruth L. Grass, to Commandant, Twelfth Naval District.

W. P. Powell, SD1, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; J. M. Pitt, HM1, to USNH, Philadelphia, Penn.; A. T. Campillo, HM2, to Naval Shipyard, Hunter's Point.

W. J. Gilfry, HM3, to USNH Bremerton, Wash.; V. F. Thoades, HM3 (W), to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif. FFT; HM3's W. H. Fox, R. J. Henry, and W. T. Pennington, and HN's J. E. Montoya and E. Cardevas, to FMF, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

W. K. Webster, DN, to USNTC, San Diego, Calif.; J. T. Dragicevich, HN, to NP School, USNH, Philadelphia, Penn.; DN's L. J. Mitchell and B. G. Long, to Dental School, Bethesda, Maryland; and HN's J. D. Harrell, and W. F. Lann, to USNH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Scuttlebutt

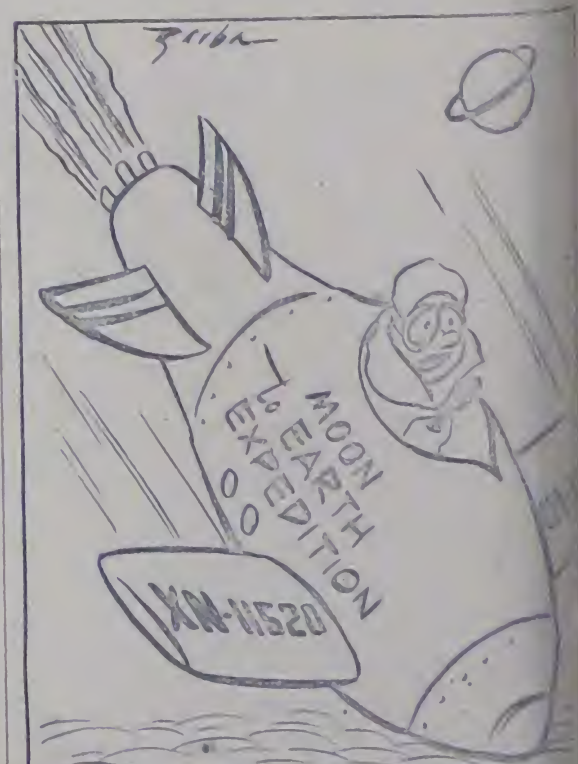
By DERF

STUFF 'N STUFF: You should have seen all the Chiefs after the recent movie, "Operation Pacific." "Chiefs run the Navy," was one of the lines in the show and they all came out with chests inflated — Clem Guth was OPD on an ambulance parked by the receiving ramp. "I didn't know OPD had their own ambulance!" he said. They don't. It belonged to the Oakland Police Department. — Everyone seems to think Mark Lew should take over the crown of "King of Weight."

So many people want to know what BW means. You can have your pick. Beautiful, beguiling, bewitching, or bossy wife. Whichever fits, use — Chief Feltz won a radio at the Bingo game held at the Chiefs' Club recently. Finally got to know someone who was something.

Edith Rush and Arlene Normington have a new boy friend. His name is KIM — Claire Martini has a new Buick Roadmaster. Is that what lure fellows from Seattle? — Ever wonder what's behind the voice on the phone which says "Number please"? Well there's Helen — single, brunette, cut, and a fiend for knitting; and Irma who's not rattle-brained as her name sake on radio seems to be and definitely not a blonde; Gladys is another one of the good looking "voices with a smile."

Do you know why Ernest Robinson rushes home on Saturdays? You married fellows will know — To mind the kids while the BW does the week shopping — According to Prof. Mc Clain, the fellows going up for all these various competitive exams need more practice on the typewriter. That was the downfall of many — When you feel like acting a bit supercilious in front of our new HA's just remember: J. W. Douglas has B.S. in Pharmacy, K.A. Miller has B.A. in Pre-Med, W. J. Manuel a BS in Chemistry, L. R. Shelledy a BS in Education, and G.W. Thompson B.S. in Chemistry. Didja ever hear of so much erudition in a group of HA's? I'll bet they gave their Comp School teachers a rough time — "Muggsie" Mahoney has some interesting plans for the day the painters get through at the Sky Club — Waves call home.



"XN11520 to land base - am turning back to buy U. S. Savings Bonds — they're sure and safe, that is all!"

Sorry, You Have The Wrong Person

What would have been heart-breaking news at any other time, turned out to be cause for a big laugh last week in Mrs. Isabel De Alba's household at 915 Virginia Street, Berkeley, California. The cause for laughing was a telegram delivered to Mrs. De Alba, explaining that her son, Joseph, had been reported missing in action in Korea. This struck everyone so funny because the supposedly missing Joseph was the person who opened the front door and accepted the telegram.

Private De Alba, a Marine who received hand injuries in Japan five months ago, is currently being treated at Oak Knoll. "Heck," said Private De Alba, "I've never even been to Korea."

Capt. Cook Promoted

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Since assuming command of Oak Knoll, Admiral Cook has been active in civic and community affairs. He is a member of the Business Men's Garden Club of Oakland.

Admiral and Mrs. Cook have two daughters and one son. One daughter, Mrs. Clark, wife of Colonel J. M. Clark, USMC, now serving on General MacArthur's staff in Japan, and her daughter, Suzanne, live in Menlo Park; and Mrs. W. B. Ball, whose husband is an attorney for the Grace Steamship Company in New York, is a resident of Westbury, Long Island, New York. They have a baby daughter, Virginia. The Admiral's son, William B. Cook, is a senior at Stanford University.

Chuckles

How can a girl scream at the sight of a mouse yet silently get into a car with a wolf?

A visitor calling at Mark Twain's house was impressed by the size of the humorist's library.

"But why do you have so many books on the floor?" he asked. "Why so few shelves?"

"Well," explained Twain, "it isn't so easy to borrow shelves, you know."

Personnel Man: Your application says you left your last job because of illness. What was the nature of the illness?

Applicant: "Well, the boss just got sick of the way I was doing things."



"Like many others born in 1927, you may find a career in the Armed Forces."



Five new Clinical Lab Technicians were added to the staff recently when they completed the one-year course of training here. Pictured above with Captain J. L. Zundell, MC, USN, Head, Department of Pathology, after receiving their certificates, are, left to right, L. R. Stupey, HM1, J. P. McAdaragh, HN, W. Gilfrey, HM3, R. L. Howard, HN, and J. G. Caudillo, HM3. All are on duty in the lab here, with the exception of Gilfrey, who was transferred to USNH Bremerton, Washington, a few days ago.

NFFE to Hold Skit; Elects New Officers

The Joint Entertainment Committee of East Bay Locals of National Federation of Federal Employees will present "Duffy's Tavern," a skit, at Jenny Lind Hall, 2267 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, on Saturday, 31 March, at 8 p.m. The skit will be followed by modern and folk dancing until 1 a.m. Members of the San Mateo County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post will stage the skit.

Refreshments will be served, and admission for the affair will be fifty cents. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the NFFE.

At their meeting 26 January, Local 496, NFFE, elected new officers for the year. They are: Willard Smith, Veterans Administration, president; Ruby Ostler, Oak Knoll, 1st vice-president; William Fisher, Oak Knoll, 2nd vice-president; Robert W. Sedam, Oak Knoll, 3rd vice-president; Edwin G. Anderson, Oak Knoll, 4th vice-president; Anna P. Stone, Oak Knoll, treasurer; Ethel Davidson, University of California, secretary; Lois Wilson, Oak Knoll, assistant secretary; and James Spagnolletti, Oak Knoll, guardian.

Reserve Designator to be Changed

The use of the designations "USN" and "USMC" rather than "USNR" and "USMCR" by Reserve personnel on active duty (other than training duty) has been authorized by the Secretary of the Navy where such use is consistent with existing laws and regulations. The new order is intended to give suitable recognition of the status of personnel of the Reserve contingents by requiring the minimum amount of differentiation between Regular and Reserve personnel. In matters such as personnel records, pay records and clothing accounts the status of individuals shall continue to be indicated by the designation of "USNR" and "USMCR."

Post 5, American Legion, Oakland, has invited forty patients to be their guests at a dinner to be held at the Veterans Memorial Building 6 February. Those wishing to sign up for the dinner are advised to contact the Welfare and recreation Office immediately. Transportation will be furnished.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 4 February

CALL ME MISTER—Betty Grable, Dan Dailey. MUSICAL. Although this film has not been reviewed as yet, Twentieth Century Fox can be expected to come through with another of their excellent musicals. Should be good.

Monday, 5 February

COLT 45 (COLOR)—Randolph Scott, Ruth Roman. WESTERN. All the western lovers should be present for this one. Filmed early last year, it became a box-office champion overnight. With excellent color photography thrown in to boot, it will give you an enjoyable 74 minutes. Rated very good.

Tuesday, 6 February

THE GROOM WORE SPURS—Ginger Rogers, Jack Carson. COMEDY. Moviegoers are always saying why not more laughs instead of so much serious stuff. Here is Universal's answer to those people. One of the better comedies of recent months, it should be good for everyone. No rating available.

Wednesday, 7 February

FATHER'S WILD GAME—Raymond Walburn, Barbara Brown. COMEDY. Raymond Walburn, balking at the high meat prices, goes on a hunting trip with the mayor and his sons. In the meantime, his wife and daughter go to an expensive dude ranch to help allay the gossip that the fam-

ily is broke. After numerous comical misadventures, it is discovered that the cost of venison is much more than the inflationary cost of steak. No rating available.

Thursday, 8 February

MOTOR PATROL—Don Castle, Jane Nigh. MELODRAMA. After two comedies in a row, it is only fitting to have a good serious film. Lippert, always noted for good down to earth pictures, comes through again with something different. Moving fast throughout, it will give you a good evening's entertainment.

Friday, 9 February

THE MATING SEASON—Gene Tierney, John Lund. COMEDY. John Lund, playing the part of the son of a hamburger stand owner, is married to an ambassador's daughter. After the marriage, his mother visits him and is mistaken for a maid, forcing him to accept her in that guise. When his wife discovers her true identity, she walks out on John, thinking him a snob. He straightens the whole matter out when he proves he loves his mother. All ends happily. No rating available.

Saturday, 10 February

MR. LUCKY—Cary Grant, Laraine Day. DRAMA. RKO brings two of their top stars before the camera to present an excellent dramatic situation. If you like good acting, you won't want to miss this one. No rating available.



Harold Hitz, chief fiscal accountant of the finance division, received a \$50 award Monday from Captain S. S. Cook, Commanding Officer of the hospital, for his beneficial suggestion. Hitz made the suggestion that, instead of making out separate pay vouchers for every visit of an outside consultant, one voucher be made out at the end of the month, covering all visits made by the consultant during that time. The suggestion was recommended by the Beneficial Suggestion Committee and approved by Captain Cook. It is estimated that \$1031 in yearly man hours will be saved in the finance and disbursing departments as a result of this new method.

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Hoopsters Win One, Lose Two

Just when things were beginning to look very bad, the Oak Knoll basketballers went out and got themselves a win, 52-51, at the expense of Mare Island, last Monday evening at Alameda.

The Knollites, who had dropped two straight in league play, looked as if they would continue their losing ways in the first half. The Islanders set up a zone defense, a system that has been giving the Hospitalmen all sorts of trouble this year, and held the local boys to a 13-point intermission total.

After a half-time pep talk from George Papadakis, acting player-coach in the absence of Joe Reginato, the local crew began to find the bucket from the outside skyways. With Allan Dolph and Papadakis creasing the mesh more often than not, the hospital outfit forced the Mare Island team to switch to a man-to-man defensive effort.

With only three seconds to go, and the score 51-50, Mare Island leading, Papadakis drove basketward, unleashed a hook, and potted the winning basket. Final score, 52-51, in favor of Oak Knoll. Dolph was high man with 14 points.

Getting back to the glum results of the week before, the Hospitalmen lost a close game to Pacific Reserve Fleet, 43-40, last Friday evening.

The PRF's threw up a zone defense and forgot about their offense in the first half. As a result, the Corpsmen left the floor with a 23-19 favorable margin.

In the second canto, PRF zoomed ahead, only to have Oak Knoll fight back to within two points, 40-42, with thirty seconds to go. Then, when a foul was called on Oak Knoll, the Fleeters took the shot instead of taking the ball out of bounds. It may have been bad basketball, but in theory only. The spheroid found the mark, and tired from their constant second-half press, the Knollites could not catch up. Final on that one, 43-40.

The day previous, Oak Knoll came up against the mighty Naval Air Station team from Alameda. The Flyboys came out on top, 52-46, but only after they had been scared out of their wits by a determined hospital crew, out to knock off a big one.

The half-time score was 19-19, and at the beginning of the second half the hospital broke into the lead. At one time they stretched their advantage to eight big points, and the Flyers were in constant fear of losing their first league encounter of the year.

WHO'S WHO IN THE BUTCHER SHOP



Chow call means a lot to everyone in the Navy, but often forgotten are the people who prepare the food. In the photo above, left to right, J. Roman, A. Kohl, C. Lee, F. H. Krausnick, J. Theodore, L. Barrick, and J. Pullen, commissary meatcutters, prepare their part of the day's menu. Although their is only part of the total effort necessary to handle Oak Knoll's food problem, they have a tremendous job, considering the number of persons fed, and the various special diets required in a hospital of this size.

Swimming and Baseball Teams Being Formed

All those interested in trying out for the hospital swimming team are urged to report to the swimming pool and contact Al Zamsky, who will act as captain of this year's squad.

Also, all prospective battery mates for the hospital baseball team should get out of the sacks and begin working out. True, you shouldn't throw hard at first, but a bit of hard running would do no harm in tightening up those leg muscles and relieving that avoirdupois surrounding most of our middles.

Deer Threat Has Sentry in Sweat

Cherry Point, N.C. (AFPS) — It was a dark night and the sentry duty was lonely at the Marine Corps Air Station here. But the loneliness vanished when Pfc Crawford M. Allman detected several odd-looking shadows moving about on his post.

Each time he tried to investigate, the shadows scurried away in the darkness. Allman kept his distance and called the Corporal of the Guard.

The headlights of the corporal's vehicle illuminated the scene and identification of the intruders was established. The guard book next morning reported: "Four loyal American deer. Threat to U.S. security—none. Threat to sentry's nerves—severe."

Pays to Know Regs.

St. Louis, Mo. (AFPS)—Ignorance never pays off. Because he didn't know Navy uniform regulations, an escaped convict recently was captured. Trying to disguise himself in a Navy uniform, he wore brown shoes instead of black.

Then in less than five minutes, the NAS lads had bolted to the fore and jockeyed their score 13 marks higher than the Knollites. That might have been the coup de grace for another outfit, but not for the men of Oak Knoll. They staggered back, and with a minute to go, had chopped the opposition's lead down to four markers. This was the limit, however, and the Flyboys came in on a not-too-steady landing.

Bill Manning was a tower of strength for the NAS as he potted 15 points, and cleared both boards very consistently. He is six-foot-four and is apparently equipped with springs as he climbs the ozone to dump his shots. For the hospital, H. J. Owens was high with 13.

On Tuesday, the Knollites will engage Moffett Field on the latter's court at 1930, and on Thursday it will be a joust with the San Francisco Marines at Alameda Naval Air Station at 1930.

Sports Quiz

QUESTIONS

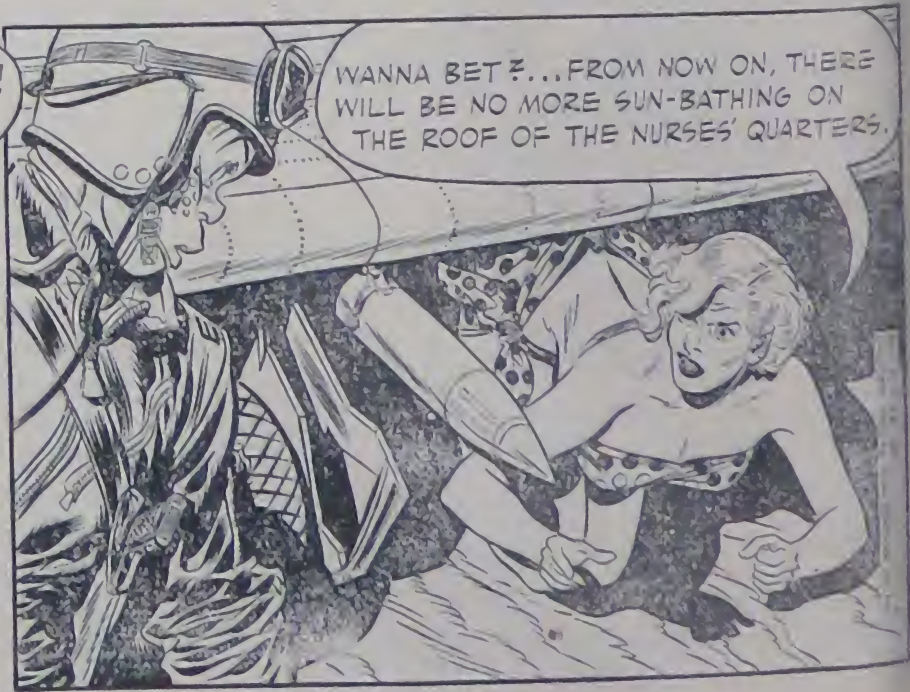
(By Armed Forces Press Service)

1. Noor broke what track record in his third victory over the Great Britain?
2. What was the highest price ever charged for a ringside seat?
3. What school's stadium is named after its football captain?
4. Bill Alexander was the first coach to establish what Bowl record?
5. What basketball game last season required nearly four hours of play?
6. "Tippy" Dye played and coached basketball at what midwestern university?

ANSWERS

1. The Howard speedster on June 17, 1949, went the 1 1/4 mile in 1:45-4/5, clipping tenths of a second from Indian Broom's record.
2. The 25 guineas charged for the Ted Lewis-George Carpentier fight in England, 1932, which was \$125 at the current exchange rate.
3. West Point's Michie Stadium, named after the Military Academy's first captain and backfield star, D. M. Michie.
4. The late Georgia Tech coach was first to take teams to all four major Bowl games: Rose, Sugar, Orange, and Cotton Bowls.
5. The five-overtime game between the Syracuse Nationals and the Anderson Packers, won by the former by a score of 123-123, November 25, 1949.
6. Dye, now coach at Washington, and coached at Ohio State, where his 1949 team won the Big Ten Conference title.

TERRY AND THE PIRATES





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While in the Bay Area for the local premiere of her new picture, "September Affair," actress Joan Fontaine made it a point to visit patients at Oak Knoll. In the left photo she is shown talking to Cpl. John N. Sjursen, USMCR, Ward 79B. To the right, Miss Fontaine, and the noted Dr. W. Chung, often called "mom" by all flying men and submariners, chat with Pfc. H. F. Walker, USA.

Red Cross Drive Begins In March

LCDR A. T. Wallace, ChC, USN, has been appointed to head this year's appeal for funds to support the American Red Cross during the coming year, the Commanding Officer announced yesterday.

The drive will begin here and throughout the nation on 1 March, when all hands will be asked to contribute as much as possible so that the many worthwhile activities of the Red Cross can be continued on this station, in the war zone, and wherever special services are needed throughout the world.

Committees to handle the drive at Oak Knoll will be appointed by Chaplain Wallace so that all hands will have an opportunity to give during the coming month.

NSLI Dividend Will Total \$685,000,000

Payment of a second special dividend totalling \$685,000,000 to the holders of eight million National Service Life Insurance Policies was announced today by Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

The dividends will be calculated through the anniversary date of the policy in 1951, and payment will follow a general schedule over the period of one year. The first checks will be ready in April. VA emphasized that no deviation from calculations or advancement in the production line can be made.

Veterans were urged by VA not to write regarding the second divi-

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Bon Voyage To Miss Jorgenson

Captain S. S. Cook and CDR Rosalia Jorgenson shared the limelight when staff nurses honored the Senior Nurse Corps Officer at a cocktail party on 31 January, the day after the Commanding Officer received word of his promotion. Miss Jorgenson, whose many friends turned out to bid her "bon voyage," will leave soon for her new assignment as Chief Nurse at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan. She has served under the new Admiral's command here since August 1949.

Miss Jorgenson's Navy career began nineteen years ago with a three-year tour of duty at San Diego, and she has since served at Tutuila, Samoa; Kodiak, Alaska; Mare Island, Philadelphia, New Orleans, and Jacksonville, Florida, where she had been Chief Nurse during the year previous to her arrival at Oak Knoll. She will be relieved by CDR Helen C. Gavin, NC, USN, who will report here Monday from U. S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda.



Screen Star Visits Oak Knoll Wards

Although here for only a short time, Joan Fontaine, famous Paramount actress, created quite a stir in various wards at the hospital last Saturday, when she came to visit the patients.

Appearing with Joseph Cotten at the local premier of their latest movie hit, "September Affair," she had asked to be allowed to visit with some of the patients here at Oak Knoll.

With her were Dr. W. Chung, and Mr. Bob Palmer, Paramount Publicity Director for the Bay Area. Dr. Chung is well known for her work with flying personnel and submariners whom she has "adopted."

Valentine Dance at EM Center Tonight

A treat is in store for all enlisted members of the staff tonight when the Valentine Day Dance is held at the Enlisted Staff Recreation Center. This will be the "big dance" at the recently commissioned center, and all hands and their guests are invited to attend.

Dance music will be furnished by Jack Buckingham and his well-known orchestra. Free beer, cokes, and other refreshments will be served. Festivities will commence at 1930 and last until 2330.

Since the dance is for staff enlisted personnel only, it will be necessary to show identification cards at the door. Uniform for the dance will be either dress blues or civilian clothes.

Let's all attend and make this dance a big success. Through co-operation it will be the best of the year.

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THE GREAT EMANCIPATOR

"I'm free!" That is the triumphant cry of a happy man. Nothing is so depressing or degrading to the human body or soul as bondage and slavery. Thus, on next Monday we honor the memory of one of the greatest men in our national history—Abraham Lincoln, who has been called "the great Emancipator."

Lincoln, by his deep sense of human rights and justice, by his untiring efforts against seemingly overwhelming odds and opposition, and finally by his signature on a piece of paper called "the Emancipation Proclamation," (and not forgetting the life and blood sacrifice of the resultant Civil War), set free multitudes of men, women, and children.

But, there is an even greater Emancipator in human history than Abraham Lincoln. His name is Jesus Christ, who declared, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised" (Luke 4:18).

This same Jesus also said, "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant ('bond-slave'—Gr.) of sin." (John 8:34). Here are the captives He came to deliver, the slaves of sin He came into this world to set at liberty. Multitudes upon multitudes, everybody, everywhere, of every race and color and language, all are in bondage to sin, for "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23).

And how does He do this? By paying God's just penalty against sin for us—"Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures." (I Corinthians 15:3). Thus, by His own unspeakable sufferings, and painful and shameful death on the cross of Calvary, He purchased this freedom for His people with His own precious life-blood. This we memorialize especially during the Lenten season, which began only last Wednesday.

Finally, how are we slaves to sin actually benefited by what Christ has done? Through FAITH alone—simply trusting Christ alone for salvation for time and eternity, who said, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

E. L. WADE,

Protestant Chaplain.



Pfc. Robert E. Armstrong USMC, 20, receives a congratulatory handshake from Vice Admiral George D. Murray, USN, after the latter awarded him the Purple Heart during ceremonies held in the station auditorium last week. A total of 74 Purple Hearts were awarded, fifty-eight to Marines, and sixteen to Army casualties.

Red Cross Ramblings

MIDGET AUTO RACES

On Tuesday, 29 January, a group of patients attended the Midget Auto Races in downtown Oakland. The high spot on the evening's program was an all-out, bang-up race where the fastest car and the most skillful driver was the winner. Sgt. Horace Smith.

Pfc. Leonard A. Duffy, Sgt. John Christiansen, Pfc. Earl Midkiff, and Pfc. Kenneth McGuire were among those present to see these daredevils. JIVE!!!

The Musicians Union will continue to entertain patients on the wards for the next five months. They plan to play jive and bebop every other Wednesday evening until the end of June. They have given us excellent entertainment and we are happy to welcome them again.

SLUGGERS

Now that "Spring is in the air" it is time to get out that baseball bat and glove and take a little practice in the vacant lot. Watch those windows, fellows! Mr. Bill Sundin, chairman of the Veterans Committee (composed of Disabled American Veterans, and Bill Erwin Post, American Legion of Oakland), will bring the latest films on the 1950 World Series to the wards for projection. Among his collection, too, are other sport films that are currently popular. After watching the films, perhaps you can raise your batting average or pick up a few fielding pointers.

PARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS?

Why not take advantage of the excellent instruction in that romantic language spoken in France? Perhaps you might be interested in ordering your favorite dish while dining in one of the famous French restaurants that abound in the Bay Area. Then, too, with so much French literature available, it would be an asset to be able to translate some of these contributions to English. It's all yours—just let your Red Cross worker know that you are interested. Should be fun! You can amaze your ward pals, too.

MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!

Have you visited the Music Room in the Lounge (Building 32) this week? A combo has been holding ses-

sions and playing the hit tunes of the day. Do you play an instrument? They would like additional members in their band. The "Jam Session" consists of the following: piano, James Tow, SN, Ward 80A; saxophone, Rhodes, SN, Ward 46A; drums, Bennie Abbott, SN, Ward 48A; trumpet, Cpl. Willie Singleton Jr., Ward 48A; and rendering the songs is Milton Morgan, SD2, of Ward 65B.

STAMP CLUB

In the near future bed patients members of the Oak Knoll Red Cross Stamp Club are going to have the pleasure of seeing some of the rare United States and foreign stamps that have been discussed so much among collectors. This has been tentatively planned by a group from the East Bay Collectors Club at their January meeting. Oak Knoll collectors are invited to attend their club meetings on Wednesday evening and they have been a great asset to our club here on the compound with their generous donation of stamp supplies, and time. New stamps are constantly arriving. The Stamp Club meets every Wednesday afternoon at 1300.

VILLA DE LA PAIX BREAKFAST

Do you like to eat your ham and eggs to the accompaniment of soft music and amidst gay surroundings? The Villa de la Paix Restaurant in downtown Oakland invites patients at the hospital to be their guests on Sunday mornings. Station KLX in Oakland presents a musical broadcast at 1200 and invites the hospital guests to participate in the program. Station wagon leaves the base at 1100. Sign up now for next Sunday morning with your ward Red Cross recreation worker.

Twenty-eight hundred languages are spoken in the world today.



Pictured cutting the wedding cake following their marriage last Saturday morning in the hospital chapel are LT and Mrs. Donald V. McCloskey. The bride, formerly ENS Emma L. Nero, NC, USN, met her Marine husband while he was a patient at the hospital. ENS Dorothy Iverson, NC, USN, was maid of honor, and LT Francis Muetzel, USMC, was best man. Mrs. McCloskey is from Bottineau, North Dakota, and the groom comes from Santa Barbara, California. LCDR W. J. Trower, CHC, USN, performed the marriage ceremony.

Clinton, Miss. (AFPS)—Penney Nichols of Money, Miss., is a student at Mississippi College.

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Salt Lake City (AFPS)—E. C. Fitches crawled from his truck and murmured "Whew!" after it had gone out of control, and toppled on its side in a ditch. The 2½-ton truck was loaded with dynamite.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY
1930—In Chaplains' Office—Ward 40A

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
0930 — 0900 — 1215
DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1150
Confessions before Mass
LENTEN DEVOTIONS:
FRIDAY 1900
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
CHAPEL & 40A
NAVY RELIEF OFFICE — 40A

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 1000
in Staff Conference Room,
Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request to the Chaplains' Office

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

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Pfc Kenneth F. McGuire, USMC, demonstrates the use of his new Artificial Leg to the Committee members.

Sgt. Martin To Get Scholarship and Pay

When Sgt. Johnny Martin, USMC, left recently for 30 days' convalescent leave, he didn't suspect what was in store for him once he reached his home in Long Beach California.

Of course it was fine being flown home in the luxurious private airliner of the Signal Oil Company, Johnny's employer before he was called back into the service, but what was to come was even greater.

At the airport when the plane landed, Johnny was greeted by his wife and family, plus a host of reporters and photographers, and the El Toro Marine Corps Band, in dress blues no less. City officials and company representatives were also there to start Johnny on a 30-day whirl he will be long in forgetting.

During his stay at home, this is what happened: His wife presented him with a brand new baby daughter; he appeared on 13 television shows; he was hosted and toasted at Hollywood's best dining spots, and he was given a lifetime position with the Signal Oil Company. But the job won't be the one he held before. Johnny lost his right arm at the shoulder during the invasion of Inchon, and it would be difficult for him to work as a driller in the oil fields, even with an artificial limb. The new job will be an executive position.

You might ask how Johnny could qualify for such a job. Well, the Signal people figured that one out, too. They have arranged a four-year scholarship for him with full pay at the University of California, where he will major in petroleum engineering.

Yes, life has had its rough spots for Johnny Martin, but it took those rough spots for him to find out how swell people really are.

A joint checking account is a device that allows your wife to beat you to the draw.

CPO Club Prepares For Valentine Dance

The hospital CPO Club will be the site of two dances during the coming week. The first will be tonight, from 2100 to 2400. A buffet supper will be served at 2030, and there will be dancing to the music of Frankie Pro.

On 15 February, a Valentine Day dance will be held, also with a buffet supper. On 16 February, Bingo will dominate the evening, and as usual excellent prizes will be given to the lucky winners.

The Valentine Day dance promises to be the "dance of the month," with a wide variety of entertainment.



Cpl. Clarence Wilson, USMC, registers happiness as he correctly answers the question that gave him \$128 on the "\$64 Question" radio show Sunday night. Starting with \$64, Wilson doubled the amount by correctly answering all the questions in his category. Shown with Wilson is Dick Barnett, NBC producer.

Hi-Lites

Kansas City (AFPS)—Lee Quisenberry was arrested for speeding. He called from the police station asking several friends to come in and post bond for him. In a short time they showed up, two charged with speeding on the way to aid their friend, and the third who posted bond.

San Diego, Calif. (AFPS)—A jailer here accidentally locked himself in a cell. An inmate released him by picking the lock.

Denver (AFPS)—State Civil Defense officials received a letter from a woman who volunteered to be the state's "first air raid siren."

Fort Worth, Tex. (AFPS)—Police here are ready to give up—or to give a medal. A man walked 10 blocks to the police station to pay them a nickel. He wasn't able to get it into a parking meter which was jammed.

Appleton, Wis. (AFPS)—Five-year-old Edward Martens was struck by a bus, but was only slightly bruised. The street was so icy that he merely skidded off.

Marion, Ark. (AFPS)—Six miles north of here is a little town filled with confused people. Highway signs call it Clarksdale. The railroad station sign says Clarkdale. The service station has it as Clarkedale. Until 1910, it was officially Clarkton. It was then changed to Clarkedale. Wonder how the town clerk lists it.

Speaker: "My candidate is a self-made man. In fact, he started life as a barefoot boy."

Voice in audience: "Well, I reckon mighty few of us were born with shoes on."

Tramp: "Do you have a nickel for a cup of coffee?"

Sailor (day before payday): "No, but thanks just the same. I'll manage somehow."

Visitors See Work Of Amputee Center

A distinguished group of visitors known by the distinguished title "Lower Extremity Committee of the Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs of the National Research Council" visited Oak Knoll's Artificial Limb Department on 30 January while in this area for a three-day meeting at the University of California.

Members of the committee visited Korea amputee casualties and discussed their rehabilitation program with CDR Thomas J. Canty, Head of the Amputee Department. They made ward rounds, toured the Occupational Therapy Department where amputees showed their skill in using prosthetic limbs, and in Physiotherapy observed the physical conditioning that patients receive after they are fitted with artificial legs. They also visited the Artificial Limb Department, where the most modern types of prosthesis are being made for amputees as soon as they are ready for fitting and rehabilitation.

Visitors were H. D. Eberhart, Chairman, Lower Extremity Committee; Dr. Augustus Thorndike, Director, Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Section, Veterans Administration; Monroe H. Lipton and Eugene F. Murphy, Veterans Administration; Edmond M. Wagner and A. Bennett Wilson, Jr., Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs, NRC; Dr. Herbert Elftman, Columbia University; Renato Contini, New York University; Dr. J. R. Close and E. O. Felkel, University of California; Chester Hadden, Technical Committee of the Orthopedic Appliance Limb Manufacturers' Association; John G. Catranis, Catranis, Inc., Syracuse, New York; R. L. Tweedall, Vickers, Inc.; H. R. Thranhardt, Hangar Artificial Limb Co.; Lucius Trautman, Minneapolis Artificial Limb Company.

The word "dessert" actually means to clear the table. It comes from the French verb, desservir, meaning to remove what has been served.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

28 January

GARCIA, Carol Sue, to wife of Raymond Garcia, SK1, 7 pounds, 5½ ounces.
LYKINS, David, to wife of David Lykins, HM2, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
DYKES, Cheryl Jean, to wife of Edward Dykes, T/Sgt, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.
HANKINS, William Junior, III, to wife of William Hankins, Jr., SN, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
RADER, Harold Laverne, to wife of Clifford Rader, ADC, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

29 January

ROBINSON, Timothy George, to wife of George S. Robinson, Jr., HM1, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
GILLISPIE, Michael Dale, to wife of Ralph Gillispie, SK2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
THOMPSON, Kathleen Ann, to wife of William Thompson, LTJG, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
HART, James Carl, to wife of Carl J. Hart, AD1, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.
LANGLITZ, Debra Lee, to wife of John Langlitz, BM3, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
PETERS, Rose Evelyn, to wife of Edward Peters, BRIGEN, (Ret), 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
REED, Michael Robert, to wife of Robert Reed, MMC, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

30 January

BOGGS, James Evered, Jr., to wife of James Boggs, AEMAN, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
VIERRIA, Avonne Jean, to wife of Andrew Vierria, CD3, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
SMITH, Jeffery Lynn, to wife of Donald Smith, ADC, 7 pounds, 11½ ounces.
DE VORE, Steven Alan, to wife of Wesley De Vore, SOG1, 7 pounds, 7½ ounces.
PADEN, Paula Lynell, to wife of Edward Paden, YN3, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
ROSETE, Vincent, to wife of Seseino Rosete, TN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
SCHMIDT, Anthony Raymond, to wife of M. L. Schmidt, SN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
SNOW, Laura Granberry, to wife of Ashley Snow, ADC, 6 pounds, 14½ ounces.
HENDRICKS, Dean Roe, to wife of Dean L. Hendricks, T/Sgt, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

31 January

COOK, Rita Annette, to wife of Raymond Cook, ADC, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
McGUIRE, Michele, to wife of Frederick McGuire, CS1, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
COZBY, Charlie Lee, Jr., to wife of Charlie Cozby, SN, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.
NOLAN, Boy, to wife of Robert Nolan, AD2, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
GREENING, Linda Susan, to wife of Donald Greening, SN, 9 pounds, 6 ounces.

1 February

CARTER, Corla Colleen, to wife of Morris Carter, AMC, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
DE WALT, Alvin Le Roy, Jr., to wife of Alvin De Walt, AMAN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
WALTERS, Steven LeRoy, to wife of LeRoy Walters, SN, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
NELSON, Darryl Brian, to wife of Jack Nelson, LTJG, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.
STAFFORD, Boy, to wife of Thomas Stafford, BM1, 5 pounds, 5 ounces.
ROSARIO, Elicia M., to wife of Florencio Rosario, SDC, 5 pounds, 4 ounces.

2 February

KOHL, Linda Lou, to wife of James Kohl, CSG2, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
EPPERSON, Don Earl, to wife of Benjamin Epperson, AD1, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
EVANS, Angela Margaret, to wife of William Evans, Cpl, 3 pounds, 15 ounces.
KRATOCHVIL, Boy, to wife of Frank J. Kratochvil, II, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

3 February

CROWE, Lynda Jean, to wife of Dayton Crowe, AM2, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.
VOSHALL, Joanna Carleen, to wife of Carl Voshall, M/Sgt, 8 pounds.
HAYES, Leann Marsha, to wife of Richard Hayes, HM3, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
WALTON, Charlie John, to wife of Robert Lee Walton, BM2, 9 pounds, 14 ounces.
LONG, Mary Ellen, to wife of Urcle Long, CM2, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
DOLAN, Owen Francis, Jr., to wife of Owen F. Dolan, LTJG, 9 pounds, 11 ounces.
SASSER, Mary Frances, to wife of Francis Sasser, GMC, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
AUGER, Boy, to wife of Louis Auger, SKC, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

Help Needed!

Red Cross Fund Campaign starting March 1st. There is a great need for workers to solicit the funds to support the Program of Blood for the Armed Forces, Hospital, and other services of the Red Cross.

Wives of hospitalized or staff service men who are new in Oakland are urged to sign up. Mothers of babies can work in their own blocks while airing "Junior." All workers can be assigned blocks in their own neighborhood. Hundreds are needed. Won't you help?

Give your name to Miss Adams, Red Cross Field Director at Oak Knoll today!



'Goodnight Irene' Top Song of '50

New York (AFPS)—The popular tune that topped all others throughout the land in 1950 was "Good Night Irene," according to Billboard magazine's fifth annual poll.

Others in the top ten were: "Mona Lisa," "The Third Man Theme," "It Isn't Fair," "Harbor Lights," "Sam's Song," "Simple Melody," "Bewitched," "Music, Music" and "Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy."

Watchful Watchman!!

London (AFPS)—Answering a call which said a man was skulking on the roof of Westminster Abbey, police spread a cordon around the famous structure. It was the night watchman making his rounds.

Tokyo's latest municipal census shows today a population of 6,275,190.

Dr. Loren R. Chandler, Professor of Surgery and Dean of Stanford Medical School, here surrounded by gold braid, spoke Tuesday night to officers of the staff. His subject was "Imperforate Anus: Its Development and Surgical Management." Preceding the lecture and a dinner in his honor, this picture was taken at the Club. In the group are Captain E. T. Knowles, Chief of the Dependents Service; Captain Otto W. Wickstrom, Head, Department of Plastic Surgery; Captain C. E. Bentel, Head, Department of Radiology; Dr. Chandler; Captain E. H. Dickinson, Chief of Surgery; CDR Milton Kurzrok, Head, Department of Pediatrics; and Captain H. J. Chapman, Assistant Chief of Surgery.

"Why's your car painted blue on one side and red on the other?"

"It's a terrific scheme. You should hear the witnesses contradict each other."

Officers' Wives Plan Luncheon, 14 February

Reservations for the Officers' Wives luncheon and bridge party, to be held at the Officers' Club 14 February at 1230, must be made before 10 February.

Reservations will be one dollar each and may be had by contacting Mrs. W. N. Van Zile, 8 Danbury Street, Oakland.

Band Members Wanted!

Attention all hands! Everyone who is interested in playing in an orchestra or would like to help organize one, please contact Cecil L. Branan, HM3, at the Main Bag Room. This includes everyone who has ever played an instrument or who would like to play one. Instruments will be furnished.

Cpl. Werner Reininger Starts "Comeback" In Good Spirits

Cpl. Werner Reininger, USMC, 21, the Marine Corp's first quadruple amputee from Korea, started the "road back" last week when he arrived here from Yokosuka, Japan.

Reininger, who lost both legs, one below and one above the knee, plus all ten fingers, is a native of San Antonio, Texas, and was a member of the 5th Marines when they were trapped at the Chosin Reservoir in Northeast Korea.

When the Reds attacked across the Yalu River from Manchuria, Reininger was a machine gunner with his battalion's weapons company. He fired his weapon until it froze up, and then removed his gloves so he could fire it by bolt action. Then a grenade landed in his foxhole and blew him out.

He knew he would have to get to the rear area if he was to be treated for the leg wound he received from the grenade. Both of his company's corpsmen had been hit, and there had been no replacements for them.

As he crawled back, he was hit by fragments from another grenade. The same leg was hit again. By the



Cpl. Werner Reininger, USMC, the hospital's first quadruple amputee, dictates a letter to his nurse, LT Gwendolyn Spille, NC, USN, in Ward 42A. Reininger, a native of San Antonio, Texas, lost one leg above the knee, one below the knee, and all ten of his fingers as a result of shrapnel and frostbite while serving with the Fifth Marines near the Chosin Reservoir in Northeast Korea.

time he reached safety, his hands and both legs were badly frost bitten. It took five days to move him to Hagaru for evacuation for Japan and when he finally arrived there amputation was necessary.

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A Message From The Surgeon General

The Nation, and particularly its National Defense Establishment, has been going through a difficult and trying period since the world-shaking events of the last war. My four years of association with the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery have made me keenly aware of the almost unsurmountable problems faced by the Navy's Medical Department during this period. The successful handling of these problems has required both administrative genius and unflagging effort.

It is in the light of this knowledge that I congratulate and compliment my predecessor for his outstanding achievements.

Today the Nation faces what may well be its severest test. It is probably no overstatement to say that we now stand as the last line of defense for freedom as we know it. In the trials to come I count the honor of heading the Medical Department of the Navy a great challenge, and am eager to devote all my energies to the health and welfare of the fighting forces and their dependents. To these obligations I pledge my all.

I know that I can count on the full support of the men and women who constitute the Medical Department of the Navy. With the guidance of Providence I am confident of our success.

LAMONT PUGH,
Rear Admiral, MC, USN,
Surgeon General,
United States Navy.

Dividend Payments Will Begin Soon

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dend since correspondence will cause removal of the file from the production lines and delay payment.

The payments will cover a three-year period, from 1948 to 1951. Policies held in force from a total of three months or more during this period will be eligible for dividends. This applies both to term and permanent plan policies, including those which lapsed or were terminated by death of the insured.

The amount of dividend earned by each policy will vary according to the number of months it was in force, the plan of insurance, face value of the policy and the age of the insured at the time it became effective. Studies on rates are still being made, VA said.

The first special dividend of nearly three billion dollars, payment of which is now virtually completed, covered the period each policy was in force up to its anniversary date in 1948. The second dividend will be for the number of months in force from that date to the corresponding date in 1951. Policies issued in 1948, 1949, and 1950 will earn dividends up to their anniversaries in 1951.

Of the more than 16 million policies involved in the first special dividend payment, only 40,000 for which application has been filed remain to be paid. These require special handling. VA said that the vast majority of the remaining policies required extensive search for development, many of them from records outside of the VA, to verify premium payments. This is a vast reduction from the approximately 400,000 of these cases requiring special handling that remained to be paid on June 1, 1950. Veterans who have applied and who are entitled to payment of the first special dividend and who have not yet received checks were assured by the Veterans Administration that every effort is being made to effect payment.

Unlike the first dividend, no application will be required for the second dividend. In any case where there may be a question as to the address of record, a special, two-part return card will be mailed for verification of the proper address before a check is sent.

Special dividends are payable only in cash and may not be left on deposit at interest; however, the check may be cashed and the proceeds used to prepay insurance premiums, which results in savings equal to three per cent annual interest on premiums paid more than three months in advance.

Reduced Rates Continue On All U.S. Railroads

Chicago (AFPS)—Members of the Armed Forces traveling in uniform are again riding all railroads at reduced rates and will continue to do so until March 31, E. B. Padrick, chairman of the Transcontinental Passenger Association, announced.

The low round-trip military furlough fares are being tried on an experimental basis, due to the growing number of military personnel. Continuation of the low fares for Service personnel depends on the outcome of the present experiment.



CAPT E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN, Chief of Surgery, presents certificates to three men upon their completion of the six-months' Operating Room Technique Technician School. Receiving the certificates are, left to right, W. G. McHargue, HN, B. Dominguez, HN, and T. Walsh, HM3, and looking on is LT S. N. Bailey, NC, USN, Surgical Supervisor.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 11 February

BEDTIME FOR BONZO—Ronald Reagan, Diana Lynn. COMEDY. This is a natural for the juvenile trade and for those adults who are likely to think that monkeys are the funniest people. Ronald Reagan plays the part of a psychology professor who wants to marry Miss Lynn. Her father, the dean, will not allow the marriage because Reagan's father was a criminal and the dean believes in heredity. Using a monkey to prove his point, the dean creates a considerable amount of confusion. After many laughs he realizes he is wrong and allows the marriage. Rated very good.

Monday, 12 February

THE LADY TAKES A CHANCE—Jean Arthur, John Wayne. DRAMA. This RKO release was rated very good when first shown on the screen. With two outstanding stars, it will give you 88 minutes of good entertainment.

Tuesday, 13 February

SUGARFOOT (Color)—Randolph Scott, Raymond Massey. DRAMA. Randolph Scott, a former Confederate officer, seeks a new life in Arizona after the Civil War. Massey portrays a vicious opportunist who wants fresh gains no matter how he gets them. Scott learns the true meaning of friendship from certain of the townspeople who trust him and stand by him throughout his fight to rid the community of Massey's taint. Adele Jergens, an entertainer, backs Scott financially and romantically in building a better Prescott, Arizona. In a climactic fight, Scott kills his enemies and wins Miss Jergens. Rating not available.

Wednesday, 14 February

DOUBLE DEAL—Richard Denning, Marie Windsor. DRAMA. Denning is a roving oil field engineer who becomes involved in

a complicated situation when he reports to a new job. The story includes several murders and a lot of effort on the part of Denning to solve the predicament. He finally wins his fight and in so doing wins the girl he loves. Rated fair.

Thursday, 15 February

VIRGINIA CITY—Errol Flynn, Humphrey Bogart. DRAMA. This is a Warner Brothers reissue that has been a big success wherever shown. With two screen favorites playing the lead, it will give you a good evening's entertainment. No rating available.

Friday, 16 February

I'D CLIMB THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN (Color)—Susan Hayward, William Lundigan. DRAMA. Lundigan, a circuit rider in Georgia, marries a city girl, Miss Hayward. The type of life she embarks on with Lundigan is an entirely new experience for the girl, but she finds that her love for her husband and his work are all she needs. Wealthy Lynn Bari is attracted to Lundigan, but Susan beats down this challenge easily. Lundigan, in the course of his work, unites a young couple over the objections of the girl's pompous father, and converts an atheist and his family. The picture is climaxed when the reverend and his wife are transferred to a new post, and their devoted congregation see them off. Rated good.

Saturday, 17 February

RETURN OF THE FRONTIERMAN (Color)—Gordon MacRae, Julie London. WESTERN. This is a recent technicolor release by Warner Brothers calculated to give all lovers of the West 74 minutes of good entertainment. If you like westerns at their best, you won't want to miss this one. Rated good by reviewers.

Chuckles

Slighted Suitor: "If you don't marry me, I'll go out and drown myself."

Pretty Maid: "Ah, go jump in the lake. It's just down the road."

Slighted Suitor: "Don't be silly. I can't swim."

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Wife: "Here's a scientist trying to prove that worms think."

Husband: "I think—"

Wife: "Yours may be an exceptional case, darling."

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"Is there any legend about that mountain?" asked the tourist.

"Yep," was the reply. "Two lovers once went up the mountain and never came back again."

"Is that so? And what happened to them?" the tourist asked breathlessly.

"Went down t'other side."

One nurse at a military hospital was so conceited she always deducted 10 beats from a male patient's pulse to allow for her personality.

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"Waiter, will you please tell me if it's raining outside?"

"Sorry, this isn't my table."

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Boss: "Simpkins, you've been drinking again. Now, once and for all, let me tell you that I'll do all the drinking that's done around here."

Simpkins: "You can't, sir. It would kill you in a week."

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The one-ring circus was visiting a town in the hills and the folks recognized all the instruments of the band except the slide trombone. One old settler watched the player for quite some time, then said: "There's a trick to it; he ain't really swallerin' it."

Wounded Amputee Still Wants Baseball Future

"Where there's a will, there's a way," and Pvt. Spero Spiliotis, USMC, 19, is a firm believer in the old adage. He has to be if he is ever to make good in his chosen profession. Spiliotis is missing his left leg below the knee, and will soon lose the toes from his right foot. What is going to make it hard, is that Spiliotis is under contract to the St. Louis Cardinal baseball club, and he wants to fulfill the conditions of his contract.

Already he has contrived ways of building himself up in physiotherapy, and he firmly believes there is still a place for him in baseball. "I was signed as a catcher," he says, "but I could always take a crack at pitching." Names like Brisse, Bearden, and Stratton attest to the fact that "where there's a will, there's a way."

CPO's & X-ray Lead In Bowling Tourney

Going into the last two weeks of the current Oak Knoll bowling tourney, CPO's No. 1 and X-ray still lead their respective leagues by safe margins.

CPO's No. 1 kept up their good work on the pins last Monday evening as they took four points from the MAA force. Chief Hasbrook kept up his fast game by beating the pins for top one-game honors as well as high three-game total. In his first game of the evening he bowled a 203, and ended with a total of 557 for the evening. Nelson was high for the MAA's with his high score being 169.

Last Tuesday evening the Nurses and X-ray battled it out to the finish. After the smoke had cleared, it was found that X-ray had taken the match 3-1, taking two game total pins. Brack of X-ray led his team with a 207, closely followed by teammate Smythe with a 206. Miss Remas was high for the nurses with a 172 in her last game.

In the other clash of the evening, Laundry took the measure of Nite Crew 3-1. Shank was high man for Laundry with a 184 in his first game, while Bournonville took high three game honors with a total of 473.

Warmin' the Bench

(By Armed Forces Press Service)

The Brooklyn Dodgers purportedly lost \$130,000 at Flatbush during the 1950 baseball season . . . That's difficult to understand when you consider they were flag factors all the way and not eliminated until the final day by the Phillies . . . Branch Rickey, incidentally, is said to have bank-rolled his Brooklyn interests originally for \$60,000 cash, signed notes for an additional \$360,000 and sold out for \$1,025,000 . . . Brother, that's promoting! . . .

Kansas University is contemplating construction of a field-house which will seat approximately 17,000 at basketball games . . . Shows how important the cage sport is becoming . . . Harold Keith, energetic Oklahoma U. publicity drum-beater, has sent out a mimeographed form for sports editors to use quoting Head Football Coach Bud Wilkinson in denying that he's considering any coaching offers which might take him away from Soonerville . . . His football teams have really put Oklahoma on the map in recent years and he can just about write his own ticket at Norman . . . Television honored Mel Allen for his telecast of the 1950 World's Series between the Yanks and Phillies. But here's the punchline. Allen didn't do the telecast. He had the radio assignment.

Fans are laughing over the gag pulled by Coach Sax Elliott of the Los Angeles State College basketball team. He started giving his players shots of "fresh, pure oxygen" during timeout periods . . . They insist his theories strictly are unscientific and that he would get the same results with a couple of bread pills . . . Apparently they feel it's a publicity gag which belongs in the same category with prizefighters who claim they possess "cosmic punches."

Two doughfeet were shooting the breeze about their war records.

First: "You know I fought with Generals Eisenhower and Patton."

Second: "Did you lick 'em both?"

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Prosecutor: "Now tell the court how you came to take the car."

Defendant: "Well, the car was parked in front of the cemetery, so naturally, I thought the owner was dead."



Led by Miss Joann Sanders, the Hollywood Glamourettes dance their way through one of their outstanding numbers. Miss Sanders, assisted by Bobbie, and Nancie have made a name for themselves in Hollywood night spots and are now making a series of benefit performances. Presented here as another "Salute to Top Fighting Men" by the United Shows Alliance, they are appearing nightly at Rafael's 150 Club in San Francisco.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

STUFF 'N STUFF: Romance still flourishes on Hospital compounds as is evidenced by the recent marriage of Ruth Alger and one of her patients. Physio's Miss Crouse gave the couple a wedding reception—I hear tell the canasta sharpie among the Waves is Jean Naylor — Plaudits keep coming our way for Al Zamsky's work with the amputees in the swimming pool. P & A's Pat Mass received a huge package from her husband, who is now stationed in Japan. You old timers around the base will remember her corpsman-husband — When Bill VanAtta has the MAA duty everything seems to pop: fights, fires, etc. Running around so much is keeping down his growing girth — Little Barbara Stevenson was finally silenced, but it took pharyngitis to do it — Glad to see that the wearing of p.j. tops has been curtailed by Andy McClain — The railroad strike kept Glenn Jensen and Dee Gregory from getting to Hawthorne, Nevada, over the week end. They spent money like mad on the long distance phones telling the BW's the sad news — Chief Simms claims to have the mildest of ways for holding reveille, but you can't prove it by Everhardt — When you hear a soft, Southern drawl ask, "Number, please," that will be Gladis Scott, the operator with the charm school posture — Need any ash trays, pots, or bowls? See Lorraine Shields; she's a whiz with ceramics — Saw Dave Aoki and Bes-sie Wong lunching together on the sun-kissed porch at Ship's Service. What gives, children? — Chief Bak, Chief Nihoul, and Charlie Grace have their futures assured for the next six years. They just signed over for another hitch! — Johnny Brown has "discovered" the "soxy" poetry of Walter Benton (THIS IS MY BELOVED) — Walt Peterson tells me that new Navy wives are at a loss when their husbands begin with the Navy lingo. Words like "scuttlebutt, bulkhead, DE's, LCVP's," etc., are Greek to them — Jeanne Banks was doing a fascinating rhumba at the Sinaloa last week end — Al Avellar donned his "civvies" and headed for town the other night to get away from it all. In the first place he

went—the Spanish Village—he was approached by a buxom beauty with an MAA badge who was questioning all the patrons about their age — Have you heard about the new cologne made especially for Hospital Corpsmen? It's a blend of Trimerthio'ate, Tr. of benzoin, and a whiff of ether. The bewitching name for this potpourri is "Cadeuces" — Saw some of our HM's anxiously awaiting personal interviews for commissions . . . Nervously checking their neckerchiefs were Jean Ford, not, Lee Hendrix, Roy Coon, Bill Innes, Pete Bowers, Tom Moore, Walt Peterson, Warren Ludi, Childs, and Fred Comas — Tiny Badalato has moved her pots, pans, and plastics to an Occupational Therapy annex on Ward 53 — Al Mallory and Mark Lewis will do a lot of walking from now on: they are wrecked — Lloyd Sills waves at the Oakland Airport from 1900 until 0400 for his "Georgia Peach" to arrive. You know what they say in Kansas, "Mieux vaut tarde que jamais" — Fred Allen got himself engaged. Won't these boys learn?



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Amputee Assured of Position In Baseball

Pvt. Spero Spiliotis, USMC, of Ward 42B, who signed a baseball contract with the St. Louis Cardinals, and then lost his left leg below the knee and the toes from his right foot as a result of wounds and frostbite suffered in Korea, received an encouraging letter from his employers this week.

The letter read as follows:

Dear Spero:

I have just read the newspaper accounts. Truly, I am sorry. We had counted on you a great deal, and as a matter of fact, we are still counting on you.

I hope when you are well and able that you will get in touch with me, and if you want to continue in baseball in some capacity, we will certainly try to find a place for you.

Your ambition has always been baseball. You are going to get more than the usual setback from what happened to you in Korea, but don't let that discourage you. There are always compensations, and there is always the feeling that you did it for the greatest cause in the world today—the cause of democracy in action.

I hope, therefore, that you will get yourself well quick and that you will let us know in what way we can be of help.

FRED M. SAIGH,
President
St. Louis Cardinals

So the story of Spero Spiliotis' baseball career, though delayed somewhat, is far from finished.

Famous Songstress Will Appear 21 February

Wednesday will mark the appearance of vocalist Margaret Whiting on hospital wards. Accompanied by her pianist, the noted songbird will spend the afternoon touring as many wards as possible. Miss Whiting's appearance will mark the third time in the past two months that a famous female vocalist has visited the hospital. Doris Day and Dinah Shore have both toured the wards.

Navy Opens Training Center at Bainbridge

Bainbridge, Md. (AFPS) — The Naval Training Center here has been re-commissioned for Navy recruit training.

The Bainbridge center, which trained recruits during World War II, will provide facilities for an eventual capacity of 20,000 recruits.

Reactivation has been expedited by the Navy and recruits will be sent here for training as soon as accommodations are ready.

Baseball Scouts Visit Oak Knoll



Pvt. Spero P. Spiliotis, USMC, St. Louis Cardinal chattel, discusses his favorite topic with four baseball men and the Red Cross Gray Lady who arranged for them to visit the hospital. Left to right, Charlie Wallgren, Boston Red Sox scout, Bob Fontaine, Pittsburgh Pirate scout, Spiliotis, Joe Devine, New York Yankee scout, Mrs. Lucille Parker, Berkeley Red Cross Chapter, and Bill Posedel, former big league pitcher, and now coach with the Pittsburgh Pirates. The four noted baseball men toured different wards, stopping at patients' bedsides to discuss the national pastime. Devine is noted for sending such stars as Ray Kramer, Paul and Lloyd Waner, Joe Cronin, Dick Bartell, Bill Wight, Jerry Coleman, Joe DiMaggio and Bobby Brown, to the big leagues.



Patients on Ward 41B were treated to a Valentine Day party through the courtesy of several friends from Castro Valley. The ladies got together and baked a large Valentine cake for the boys. Shown with Mrs. Charles Hamilton as she prepares to cut the cake, are patients Lloyd Gaffaney, SM, USN, left, and Richard Zatzke, DM3, USN, right.

Knoll Patients Given Awards At Presidio

Twenty-three Marine and four Army patients from Oak Knoll were among the 31 Korean veterans decorated in an all-service ceremony at the Presidio of San Francisco last Wednesday. An estimated 1200 soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, and WACS participated in the formal retreat held on the parade grounds of the historic military installation.

Officers making the awards were MAJGEN Milton B. Halsey, USA, Sixth Army Deputy Commander, MAJGEN Graves B. Erskine, USMC, Commander, Department of the Pacific, and Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer of Oak Knoll.

An Army man, and a Marine, both patients here, were recipients of the nation's second highest military decoration, the Distinguished Service Cross. They were T/Sgt. T. A. Crowson, USMC, 21, and Cpl. William C. Earnest, USA, 27. Two other patients, Cpl. Robert W. Ingram, USMC, 19, and Pfc. Rudy G. Garcia, USMC, 20, were presented with Silver Stars. The other 23 men were decorated with the Purple Heart for wounds received in action.

Crowson was cited for extraordinary heroism against the enemy as of 17 August, 1950. Acting as platoon leader of his rifle company, he observed that one of his squads was pinned down by crossfire of two enemy machine guns. By himself, he reconnoitered the position of both guns, and then stood up in full view of the enemy to methodically pick off the gun crew members with his carbine. He killed four of the enemy and wounded an unknown number as he silenced both guns. This action enabled the pinned-down squad to rejoin its platoon and continue its action against the enemy. This action took place in the Taebong-Ni sector of Korea.

Earnest received his award while serving with Company B, 73rd Heavy Tank Battalion, at Suwon, Korea. His tank was leading a task force of armored vehicles proceeding south with the mission of securing the Suwon Airbase. While passing through Suwon, the task force was brought under heavy tank, small arms, automatic weapons and anti-tank fire, and Earnest's lead tank suffered a direct hit from an enemy T-34 tank. The tank gunner was killed, the driver and assistant were wounded and unconscious, and the tank commander, who was also the company commander, was so severely wounded that he could not move. Earnest had his feet blown off by the blast, but managed to render first aid to the company commander, and then

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We come across many people and events every day which could mean a lot to us, but we fail to use them and they pass unnoticed. We then complain that our lives are empty and our opportunities limited. A wise person can get full value out of small daily occurrences which seem so ordinary that others would ignore them.

A good example of this occurred during the week: ST. VALENTINE'S DAY. For many, February 14th was just another day; others keep up the habit of sending romantic or often silly greetings to close acquaintances. Actually, the day was originally celebrated in honor of something much more important.

Valentine was a well-known physician in the city of Rome who gave his life for the sake of his convictions and for principles involved. Had he gone along with the crowd and renounced what he knew was right and good, he might have lived a little longer, but you may be sure no one would honor or remember him today, and he would have had a hard time getting along with himself.

Men with character such as his built the foundations of our civilization strong. It took faith and courage to give up a full, successful life in those days just as it does today, but we are glad those men did not hesitate to do it. In our days men are asked again to give their lives for the same ideals and the same principles, and we can be very glad that there are so many who are glad to stand and defend them. It is as true today as it was in the beginning that compromise with evil is just another word for surrender.

W. J. TROWER,
Catholic Chaplain.

Twenty-five Patients Receive PH Medals

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crawl out of the tank and crawl back along the ground to warn the following tanks of the situation and seek aid for his fallen comrades. While he crawled along the ground, in excruciating pain, he was the subject for a hail of machine gun fire. The information that Earnest was able to give saved the other tanks and resulted in the destruction of the enemy tank which was holding up the advance. When medical aid arrived, Earnest refused to be evacu-

ated until the other members of his tank crew had been treated.

Garcia received the Silver Star for his heroism in braving enemy fire to warn a tank crew of a fire on the rear of their vehicle. While contacting the crew on the infantry phone on the rear of the tank, he was hit by enemy fire that wounded him in the arm and hand. His action resulted in the tank crew's extinguishing the fire and continuing in action.

Ingram was cited for bravery in exposing himself to fire while he single-handedly attempted to wipe out two machine gun nests guarding an enemy cave emplacement. He silenced one of the guns and was then painfully wounded in his attempt to do away with the other.

Oak Knoll patients receiving Purple Hearts were S/Sgt. John W. Erb, USMC, Sgt. Clarke Thornton, USMC, Pfc. Kenneth F. Tinsman, USMC, Sgt. Clifford C. Blakley, USMCR, Pfc. Cecil R. Carr, USMCR, Sgt. Abram H. Clark, Jr., USMCR, Lawrence H. Cohen, HN, USNR, Cpl. Robert T. Collins, USMCR, Pfc. Charles Fischer, USMCR, Cpl. John Hunter, USMCR, Pfc. David G. Johnson, USMCR, Pfc. John W. Kelley, USMCR, Pfc. Rudy E. Moser, USMC, Cpl. Thomas J. McGlynn, USMC, Cpl. William F. Reed, USMC, Pfc. Harold E. Rudolf, USMC, Sgt. Leon W. Sharp, USMCR, Cpl. Odis L. Skaines, USMC, Pfc. Mark A. Skinner, USMC, and Cpl. Clarence A. Wilson, USMCR.

Oceanographers estimate that the average female cod lays five million eggs at a time, of which ten survive to maturity.



Climbing aboard a Red Cross station wagon for one of the weekly convalescent rides to places of local interest, are three patients and three Red Cross workers. In the group, left to right, are Guy Dodson, SN, USN, Pfc. Robert Dixon, USMC, and Pfc. Robert Melchior, USMC. ARC volunteers, left to right, are Miss Simpson and Mrs. Webber. Miss Kay Stewart, hospital recreation worker, right, arranges the trips.

Red Cross Ramblings

GARDENING

Paging all farmers!! Some weather we've been having . . . Plenty of rain. These green hills around us are swelling like sponges and making promise of wild flowers any day now. Plenty of patients have been sniffing the air and thinking "Now, if I were home here's what we'd be planting now."

There's no need to just think about it if you can get around a little. Lots of Oak Knoll patients have their own gardens right here! All tools, seeds, plants, and shrubs may be had by just asking the Red Cross. Some men would like to get outside for a few minutes a day and watch something of their own planting grow. But they hesitate to start a little garden plot because of the not knowing how long they will be here. Don't let that stop you. Just figure that when you leave a couple of other fellows can take over and carry on, and meanwhile everyone will benefit by the beauty you have added to this compound. If you are confined to bed, a small dish garden on your bedside table can be lots of fun for both you and your neighbors. It's strictly up to you as to what you'd like to have and do. Ask the Red Cross about gardening!

VALENTINE DANCE

The Lounge in Building 32 was jumpin' on Tuesday, 13 February. Literally, it bulged at the seams. Gay red and white paper hearts were strung around the walls, and games for Valentine's Day were played.

SKETCH ARTISTS

Have you ever seen your likeness in charcoal or in water color? Several artists under the sponsorship of the Berkeley Chapter of Red Cross spent Saturday afternoon on the wards sketching the men in various poses. They are studying all these techniques at the California School of Arts and Crafts. Are you interested in being done in oil?

CAMERA CLUB

How is your camera technique? Have you dusted off your camera and taken advantage of these sunny days? It is easy to get into a snapshotting rut, particularly as far as camera club is concerned. The traditional straight-on shot from directly in front of the subject has become such a habit that many amateur

photographers seldom think of trying anything else. However, a try at a new angle will do much to pep up your snapshot collection, as well as surprise your friends when you show them the finished product. If you will study some of the pictures you see in newspapers and magazines, you will note that the ones that catch your eye are done by placing the camera in a spot where you would least expect it to be. If it works in the magazines, it ought to be worth trying for your photograph album. Try low-angle shots once in a while, taking advantage of the sky, which proves an excellent background for pictures of people. Or you can use your camera at a low angle when making pictures of people outdoors and use the grass for a good background. Study your subject carefully through the view finder until you discover the angle that will give you the best picture. Join our Camera Club. Have you seen the Dark Room in Building 32? Make an appointment if you want to develop your pictures there.

AN AFTERNOON OF PIANO MUSIC

Mrs. Gertrude Shur and Mrs. Thelma Nichols entertained patients on Friday, 9 February, in a delightful program of selections on two pianos. The music ranged from Allegros to Jamaican Rhumbas. Ted Lowndes, Bud Meech, Arthur Choquette, Sam Abolafia, from Ward 63B, C. Castleman, J. S. Hogan, J. Mendenhall, and E. E. Toland from Ward 77B, were interested onlookers. It was excellent entertainment and we hope that they will have another musicale real soon.

First Mosquito, in nudist camp: "Oh, boy, here comes a new arrival." Second Mosquito: "Good. Let's stick him for the drinks."

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Scuttlebutt

By DERF

DONNER PARTY: Remember those hardy pioneers who tried to cross Donner Pass in the middle of winter and perished in the attempt? Their expedition was known as the "Donner Party"; but when they talk about the "Donner Party" at Oak Knoll, they're talking about the skiing party which left here about two weeks ago. Driving their convertibles were Harvey Poulson and Stan Miller. Huddled within were "Slim" Grubb, "Lover-Boy" Schodl, Betty Winsby, Lavila Morris, "Timid" Babbin, Lil Chinn, Jim Harris, and Petie Bowers. There were no casualties on the ski slope, but nearby Reno was much more treacherous. **WONDER OF WONDERS:** They all arrived back on time and in good shape!

EM CLUB DANCE: Amid soft lights, danceable music, pretty girls, and free drinks, I saw the "guys and dolls" of Oak Knoll enjoying one of the best attended dances W & R has yet sponsored. The Lady in Black, Verla Ashby, was always surrounded by men—Dolores Hanlon switched to the gyrenes for this dance—The Lab Waves, Rogalinski and Ledbetter, received raves for their terpsichore—Bob Cate and some of his buddies formed a club during the evening called the "Spongers."—Roy Gage and his Mrs. were stepping about—Enjoying everything were the enjoyable Mr. and Mrs. Jones—Willie Jefferson couldn't wait to get through with his bartending chores so he could pay some attention to his girl—O.R.'s Dave Maese was hot stuff on the dance floor.

STUFF 'N STUFF: Bill MacFarland can't stand still when he hears Dixie-land bands. You'd think he was a yo-yo the way he pops up and down—Guy Chambliss' friends called him "Digger." Know why? He was in the undertaking business—Lou Freese has a new hangout; somewhere in Livermore—Joan Smejkal got all wet on the ski slopes. Does that mean she can't ski or that she likes to play in the snow?—Mugsie Mahoney is one of the three lucky Californians selected by the Rosenberg Foundation Fund for a year's study at Occidental College. The grant is for study in mental and physical handicaps. Now, Mugsie won't have to worry about what to do for her first year out of the Waves—Larry Cohen, who has a resemblance to screen star Zachary Scott (so his girls think), is back on the Base, this time as a patient—Stan Shulmin has a rare malady—something called FMF fever. He raves and rants from dawn to dark about the FMF. He wants to go so badly that he secretly wears green skivvie shirts to feel more like an FMF pill pusher—Can you imagine an HM3 not knowing the difference between pediatrics and orthopedics? The Record Office's Clark found out the hard way—Arlene Normington would like to know if I'm "derf and dumb?" Really, how "punny" can you get!—Chief Harris has a clever idea for expediting the movie line; sell books of movie tickets—Almost every one of you talks to a thespian (unknowingly) at least once a day. Our chief telephone operator, Jane Hansen, has one of the leads in a local offering of the Greek tragedy, *MEDea*—Pat Condie knits and knits, day after day. She says it's not "Bundles for Britain." Who then?

Marine or Civilian, He'd Like to Know

Somewhere in Korea (AFPS) — Found: One civilian machine-gunner in Marine uniform, a veteran of some of Korea's toughest battles.

He is Cpl. Joseph Washburn of Long Beach, Calif., who according to his company commander, is a civilian.

Here's how. Before the Korea war broke out, Cpl. Washburn was notified verbally that he had been discharged on his request and would receive his discharge certificate by mail.

Came the war. Washburn's reserve unit was reactivated. He was called up, believing his discharge had not taken effect.

Meanwhile, the Corporal's wife, Constance, was making inquiries at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Investigation determined the Corporal had in fact been discharged. Washington was asked for clarification.

Meanwhile, Washburn had taken part in the Marine action at Seoul and Inchon, the Wonsan landing, the advance from Hamhung and the Changjin reservoir campaign.

The Corporal now has been ordered home for discharge.

WHO'S WHO In WARD 42-A



A. T. Allen, AOC, USN, in wheelchair, entertains fellow patients on Ward 42A with a few of his favorite "sea stories." Pictured as they get a laugh from one of his tales are, left to right, Cpl. A. T. Dytkiewich, USMCR, C. Tuttle, Veterans Administration patient, Pfc. Earl Midkiff, USMC, Pfc. C. C. Finn, USMC, Pfc. K. F. McGuire, USMC, and Pfc. G. A. Thompson, USMC. Also getting a chuckle in the background are ward corpsmen D. Sullivan, HN, USN, and C. A. Johnson, HN, USN. Chief Allen's constant good humor has been a morale lifter ever since his admittance to the hospital, and he will long be remembered by all who have the pleasure of knowing him.

Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll's Personnel Offices reported a gain of thirty-two staff members during the week of 7 February through 13 February as fifty reported aboard and eighteen were detached.

Reporting aboard were CDR Helen C. Gavin, from USNH, Bethesda, Md.; LT Agnes L. Lernick, from Naval Dispensary, Bremerton, Wash.; LTJG J. A. Fiebing, from inactive duty; ENS's Sylvia J. Relation, and Marie K. Relation, from USNH, Newport, R. I.; HM1's C. R. Henry, W. E. Evans, Jr., R. M. Love, E. G. Toller-son, and E. W. Hengatter, HM2's L. J. Kirsch, R. P. McPhederain, H. J. Padgett, R. A. O'Connor, N. B. Osborn, and L. A. Merritt, and HM3's R. A. Springer, and B. J. Kirby, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; J. M. Fountain, DTG3, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; V. R. Ervin, HM3, from USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; HN's R. R. Willmer, F. J. Werner, R. E. Shawler, J. Landauer, Jr., J. J. Dinuzzo, and A. E. Branch, from Santa Margerita Hospital, Oceanside, Calif.; HN's F. B. Townsley, K. L.

Stauffer, C. E. Stallman, D. M. Soles, L. E. Shurmantine, C. D. Shirley, Jr., L. D. Gardner, P. G. Fox, G. R. Cook, T. W. Coleman, S. M. Bukatz, Jr., and D. D. Bluhm, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; and HA's L. T. Wilcox, W. G. Shone, R. M. Miller, T. G. Matthews, R. P. Marshall, L. A. Kraushaar, H. L. Keller, J. H. Cline, H. T. Britt, and A. R. Barnes, Jr., from U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego, California.

Detached were LT Frances E. Quebbeman, to USNH, San Diego, Calif.; LT's M. W. Geldert, and T. E. Ashley, to inactive duty; LTJG's R. Koloski, J. W. Harris, L. F. Von Lackum, and D. E. Tyler, to Camp Lejeune, N. C.; LTJG Margaret E. Coe, to MSTs, Pacific, San Francisco, Calif.; HM3's W. A. Everheart, and J. M. Donahoe, to FMF, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; HN's G. Jensen, and M. D. Gregory, from Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nev.; HN's S. K. Beeler, W. D. Bowen, T. L. Marr, and B. M. Varnell, and D. E. Rines, HA, to FMF, Camp Pendleton, California.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

4 February
GAZAWAY, Linda Diane, to wife of Allen Gazaway, OM1, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
GAKEY, Beverly Joyce, to wife of Jack Gakey, M/Sgt, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
ZEITELHACK, Margot Jan, to wife of Ward Zeitelhack, T/Sgt, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

5 February
HARDY, Ronald Lee, to wife of Derrell J. Hardy, AK1, 6 pounds, 10½ ounces.
HOELSCHER, Michael Karl, to wife of Robert Hoelscher, Cpl, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
KENNEDY, Charles Eugene, to wife of John Kennedy, BM2, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
PAYNE, Lynn Marie, to wife of Jimmie Payne, MM3, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.
WHITWORTH, Barbara Ann, to wife of William E. Whitworth, Pfc, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
WILLIAMSON, Linda Claire, to wife of John Williamson, S/Sgt, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

6 February
TRACEY, Nelson Francis, to wife of Nelson G. Tracey, AD1, 5 pounds, 7½ ounces.
KEEGAN, John Robert, II, to wife of John Robert Keegan, LTJG, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

7 February
ANDERSON, James Willis, to wife of Theodore Anderson, AT2, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
RUDD, William Edward, II, to wife of William Rudd, CSSN1, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
FOSTER, Carolyn Lorraine, to wife of Joseph Foster, ET3, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.
HYATT, Marvin Robert, to wife of Walter Hyatt, CDC, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

8 February
LEWIS, Christie Jeanne, to wife of Edward Lewis, CAPT, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
PERKINS, Dennis Michael, to wife of Harold Perkins, SN, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
CRAWFORD, Douglas Dec, Jr., to wife of Douglas Crawford, DT3, 8 pounds, 7½ ounces.
GALYEAN, Christopher Loyd, to wife of Loyd Galyean, ENS, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

9 February
KLIEFOTH, Georgieann, to wife of George Kliefoth, LT, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
HULL, Lynn Kenneth, to wife of Melvin Hull, LT, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
DRENNAN, Kathy Mae, to wife of Jean Ray Drennan, DC2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
WALKER, Leon James, to wife of Alvin Walker, AL2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
MORRIS, Pamela Lynn, to wife of Harry Lee Morris, AMC, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
MAXWELL, Deborah Kay, to wife of Charles Maxwell, HM1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

10 February
BLAIS, Girl, to wife of James Blais, COLO-NE1, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.
TRAHAN, Valerie Anne, to wife of James Trahan, Ch. Phot., 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
HUBBARD, John Michael, to wife of John Hubbard, CSC, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
CONKLIN, Linda Marie, to wife of Jack Conklin, Pfc, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
CAMACHO, Girl, to wife of Atanacio Camacho, SD1, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
MAIN, William, to wife of Charles Main, AD1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
MAIN, James, to wife of Charles Main, AD1, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
MATHIEU, David Lawrence, to wife of Roger Mathieu, ADC, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.



"Gas on my stomach, Doc."

FROLIC

BOWLING

CPO's No. 1 are flying the American league victory pennant despite losing their last match to Nite Crew 3-1 last Tuesday evening. At the same time, Laundry dropped into fourth place behind IMAA as they lost 4-0. Nite Crew went into second place by virtue of their victory over the Chiefs.

The Niters had one of their hottest nights as they racked up one of the few match wins over the Chiefs. Bennett led the way with a three-game total of 558 while teammate St. Pierre took high one-game honors with a 211. Chief Betoney was high man for the Chiefs with 203 in his third game and a three-game total of 515.

IMAA took over third place with their decisive victory over Laundry. With Nelson leading the way with his three-game total of 534, Laundry just couldn't keep the pace. Nelson also took high one-game honors with a 202.

The National league has one more night of play to end their part of the tourney. X-ray now holds a commanding lead and it would be impossible for them to lose. It will be necessary for them to meet the Chiefs for a play-off match to decide the hospital championship. Both teams boast good records but X-ray has been playing in a handicap league. This could hurt their chances in the play-off as it will not be a handicap match. The match should be a tossup between the two teams.

Interest in bowling is beginning to reach a high peak here and now that this tournament is practically over, several team managers have shown a desire to begin a new one. Whether this can be done is not known at the present but if you are interested please call the Oak Leaf Office or get in touch with Joe Reginato, Athletic Director, in the Welfare and Recreation Office.

A Corporal's natural instinct is something that tells him he is right whether he is or not.

Knollite Hoopsters Win One, Lose Three In 12ND Tourney

One win was all the resident basketballers could salvage out of their last four games, all played within six days' time. The victory came at the expense of the San Francisco Marines, but in victory the Hospitalmen suffered a loss that probably aided their dropping the next three straight.

The Marines were no problem as the final score of 68-42 indicates, but during the rough house, Al Dolph, the most improved player on the team, was injured extensively enough to probably put him out for the season. Dolph was driving in for a clear layup when he was shoved from behind while in midair. Needless to say, he went flying to the floor, and is now a patient at the hospital.

Halftime score of the game was 34-26, Oak Knoll, and George Papadakis led the scorers with 16 points.

After Thursday's expensive win, the Knollites met Moffett Field the following day. Tired out from their game of the night before, the men of Reginato bowed 55-40. Johnson was high man with 10 points, but no one else could consistently find the range.

With only minutes to go, the Corpsmen had cut the margin to eight points, but they buckled completely in the last two minutes.

Monday the hospital crew met up with Naval Air Station, Oakland, and took it on the chin once more, this time 48-40.

Outside of the first minute of play when they led by three points, the Corpsmen never saw the advantage. Halftime score was 29-12 in favor of the Airmen over the hapless Knollites.

Rock was high point man for the locals with 10 points, but again, everyone else was in deep freeze. At one point, the Airdales led by a big twenty points, but the Hospitalmen put on a rally that cut the lead to eight points midway in the second half. The margin then jockeyed back and forth until the final buzzer, and then settled to the eight-point result.

Evidently satisfied to score 40 points, no more, no less, in all their games, the Knollites were clipped by Electronics Materiel School, 47-40, last Wednesday night.

Again the Corpsmen waited until they were 20 points behind before they started to drive. They employed a full-court press, and seemed to be on their way when the gas tank ran dry.

Bob Owen managed to cut the mesh for 12 digits to lead the hospital scorers.

The Knollites will meet the powerful Alameda NAS club Tuesday, and on Thursday or Friday will come up



Another edition of America's Salute to Top Fighting Men took place at the station auditorium on 7 February, when Al and Beth McKay brought aboard another bevy of talent. Shown singing a popular song in Spanish is Chaichita, who received several encores, and Tommy Turner, "Loops and Laughs," whose specialty is the "Memoirs of Will Rogers," and who has been seen on many stage and television shows.

Golf Tournament Entries Needed Now

All entries for the hospital golf tournament must be submitted to the Athletic Department no later than 22 February. Entries may be made in person, by phone, or mail to Joe Reginato, Athletic Director.

The tournament will be of the match-play variety with prizes to be given for first and second place winners. Upon receiving all applications, tourney participants will be matched for 18-hole play.

Participants can pick the site of their matches, but it is advised that they use the Richmond Municipal Golf Course, where staff personnel and patients of Oak Knoll are accorded free use of facilities. Balls and clubs will have to be furnished by the individuals participating.

Two cowboys were about to leave for a trip to the Arizona desert. A stranger asked about their equipment. "My pardner and me are travelin' light. He's takin' nuthin' but whiskey for rattlesnake bites."

"And what are you taking?"
"Two rattlesnakes."

Girls once dressed like Mother Hubbard when they went out to swim. Now they have a bolder whim—and dress more like her cupboard.

against Pacific Reserve Fleet. Coach Joe Reginato's pre-season prediction that his club would be fortunate to win six games might be close to the truth. With four games to go, the Knollites have a record of four wins against seven losses.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 18 February
TREASURE ISLAND (Color) — Rex Driscoll, Robert Newton. ADVENTURE. This is a recent color release by RKO based on the famous book by the same name. Receiving a rating of very good, will hold you in suspense from beginning to end.

Monday, 19 February
CHINA SKY—Randolph Scott, Ruth Warrick. DRAMA. RKO digs deep into its collection for this one. Acting throughout is very good. When first released it received a rating of very good.

Tuesday, 20 February
TO PLEASE A LADY—Clark Gable, Barbara Stanwyck. DRAMA. Mike Brann (Clark Gable) is a devil-may-care auto driver rated the best in the world. Reg Ford (Barbara Stanwyck), the syndicated columnist and radio commentator, is introduced to Brannon at the track. After winning him cause another driver's death in a race, she brands him a murderer and is banned from all midjet tracks. After a 50 as a daredevil driver, he gains enough money to buy and race a big car. Though she resents him, she realizes she is in love with him. It is only after she sacrifices his safety for another driver's life in the big race that the two are united. Rated very good.

Wednesday, 21 February
SADDLE LEGION—Tim Holt, Doris Malone. WESTERN. No information available but should be a good western.

Thursday, 22 February
THE COMPANY SHE KEEPS—Lisette Scott, Dennis O'Keefe. DRAMA. This picture brings romance to the screen on a large scale. It is the story of a double-cross that ends in true romance and a man's life in the woman he loves. Miss Scott plays the part of a parole officer in a prison. O'Keefe is a newspaper columnist. Received a rating of good.

Friday, 23 February
THE 13th LETTER—Charles Boyer, Lili Darnell. DRAMA. This is the story of an elderly doctor in a French-Canadian town whose wife appears to be chasing after a younger doctor. All sorts of misinformation is passed around by the townspeople, leading to the death of one innocent person. In the end, the young doctor is found to be guilty of starting the stories but is killed by the mother of the dead boy. Rated good.

Saturday, 24 February
BRIGHT LEAF—Gary Cooper, Laurence Olivier. DRAMA. This is one of Warner Brothers most recent Box Office Champions. Receiving a rating of very good, was received enthusiastically by all moviegoers.

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Eastbay Orthopedists Meet Here 5 March

Civilian and Navy orthopedists will get together here Monday evening, 5 March, when the East Bay Orthopedic Study Club holds its monthly scientific meeting in the staff conference room.

Preceding the meeting, the Commanding Officer and members of the orthopedic staff will be hosts at dinner at the Officers' Club, and the program scheduled for 1945 will be presented by Oak Knoll doctors.

The visiting organization comprises some 45 orthopedists and orthopedic residents in the East Bay area. The program planned for them will include a discussion of "Bone Tumor Problems" by CAPT J. L. Zundell, Head of the Pathology Department, and LCDR Frank W. Cleary; "Problem Case Reports" by CDR C. R. Carr, Head of the Orthopedic Surgery Department; "Open Flap Amputations" by LCDR G. C. Beattie, and "Personal Experiences in Korea" by CDR H. A. Streit.

San Jose Doctors Hear Reports by Knoll Staff

Four Oak Knoll doctors presented the program Monday night when members of the San Jose County Medical Society met at the San Jose Elks' Club.

They were CAPT A. R. Higgins who discussed "Frostbite in Korea Casualties"; CDR C. R. Carr—"Management of Compound Wounds of the Extremities"; CDR A. L. Schultz—"General Care of Paraplegic Cases"; and CDR J. R. DILLON—"Urological Care of Paraplegic Cases."

Cressmont To Hold Benefit Horse Show

Patients from Oak Knoll will be guests at the benefit horse show to be given by the Shongehon Riding Club of Mills College, Sunday, 4 March at 1300. Setting for the show will be the umbrella at Cressmont, Mountain Boulevard and Seminary Avenue.

Ribbons have been awarded at previous shows given by the club, but at this meeting trophies will be awarded to high point winners in both English and western divisions.

Lunch for exhibitors and their friends will be served by members of Shongehon, with the aid of Mrs. William Brandes of Piedmont.

Regular events will include two for jumpers, one for hunters, one for pleasure horses, and two in equestrianism in the English division. In the western division, entries are being taken for trail horses, pleasure horses, Jaquima, and equestrianism.

Brazilian Army Doctor Visiting Oak Knoll

Major Joao Oscar Espindola, Medical Corps, Brazilian Army, is visiting the hospital through the auspices of his government. Major Espindola is Chief of Orthopedics at the Brazilian Army Hospital at Rio de Janeiro.

Oak Knoll is the last stop on Major Espindola's tour of American military hospitals. He has been at Walter Reed General Hospital, and has studied the methods of the New York Veterans Administration Hospital. He recently attended the National Orthopedic Convention in Chicago.



Dr. Herbert F. Traut, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of California Medical School, delivered Tuesday night's basic science lecture to members of the staff. He is pictured (center above) with members of the hospital's OB and GYN staff including, left to right, LTJG Charles E. Bancroft, MC USN; Captain M. M. Rubin, MC, USN, Head of the department; Captain E. T. Knowles, MC, USN, Chief of the Dependents Service; and LT Leo J. Frank, Jr. "Endometrial Bleeding" was the subject for the visiting doctor's discussion.

Red Cross Fund Drive To Begin 1 March; Chaplain A. T. Wallace Names Committees

To finance what may be the greatest work in its 69-year history, the American Red Cross will on 1 March launch its nation-wide campaign for funds here and across the nation it serves.

Recent events in Korea and elsewhere in the world have made it necessary for the Government to ask the Red Cross to expand many of its traditional programs and assume other commitments vital to the national security. Of special importance are the services rendered by the Red Cross to our expanded Armed Forces at home and abroad—the procurement of blood to meet military and civil de-

fense requirements, training millions of Americans in first aid, life saving, and home nursing, and assisting in other preparedness projects, as well as providing food, shelter, and other necessities in time of disaster.

Here at Oak Knoll, where the services of Red Cross are well known, everyone will have an opportunity to contribute during the month-long drive, which will be conducted under the leadership of LCDR A. T. Wallace, CHC, USNR.

Appointed to serve on the committee that will help Oak Knoll raise its share of the national quota of \$85,000,000, are CDR George M. Lynch, CDR John W. Thomas, LCDR George C. Beattie, LTJG Richard D. Bartholomew, LTJG Francis Marshall, and LTJG William W. Benefiel, all Medical Corps Officers; LCDR Melvin P. Huber, Medical Service Corps; LT Pearl K. Houska and LT Patricia Rowe, Nurse Corps; James E. Harris, L. G. Estes, L. L. Linse, HMC's; R. L. Copes, M. L. Bournonville, and A. C. Latham, HM1's; R. D. Allen, HM2; I. E. Bristow, C. R. Smith, and V. Turri, HM3's; J. W. Bennett, E. Estrada, and E. C. Pressnall, HN's; Mrs. L. Nath, American Red Cross; Mrs. Louise Kinner, T. R. Newsom, A. Robinson, Ernest Swinton, and Raymond D. Fredenburgh, civilians.



At the Valentine's Day Dance at the Chiefs' Club last week, four special events were heralded. At right, three chiefs are shown pinning corsages on their wives as they celebrated wedding anniversaries. They are, left to right, Chief and Mrs. Frank Bak, celebrating their fourth anniversary, Chief and Mrs. Robert Scott, celebrating their seventh year of wedded bliss, and Chief and Mrs. Ralph Crowe, the "old timers" of the group, celebrating their eleventh anniversary. In the photo on the left, Chief and Mrs. Charles Martin smile as the chief cuts into his birthday cake.



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"HE CAME SEEING"

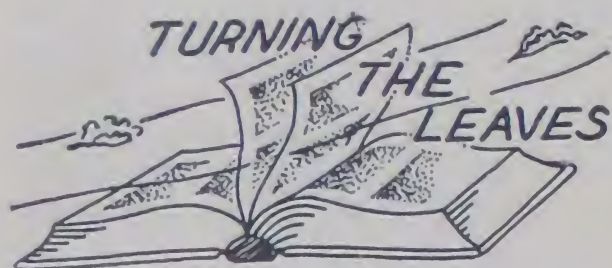
A blind man sat begging by the door of a synagogue in Jerusalem. He had been born blind; never had seen the light of day, a sunrise or sunset, a gold-tinted cloud, a rainbow, a meadow sparkling with morning dew, or a field of grain waving in the wind. He had never seen the face of his father or mother, nor had he ever seen the beauty of a rose or of a baby's smile.

Then one day Jesus healed him. His eyes were anointed with clay by the Lord and he was told to wash in the pool of Siloam. He hurried to obey and the Gospel says "He came seeing." Can you imagine how he felt? He could see for the first time in his life. A new World was all around him! Everything was different! He declared his faith in Christ for he said, "Only God could do this."

It is still and always will be true that only God can open your eyes to "The New Heaven and the New Earth." Concerning the healing of the blind man, Jesus said, "I am come into this world, that they which see not might see——." When you really meet and know the Lord, a new world opens before you. You see things you never could see before; the value of holy living, the joy and peace through faith in God, the confidence and hope of eternal life. How much you had missed! Certainly Christ has opened your eyes.

Instead of Christ being simply a historical character who lived a good life long ago, He has become a powerful healing spirit to your soul, a guiding light to your life. This is what has happened to those who have met the Lord and it can happen to you. If you feel discouraged with yourself, feel that life has no hope for you, feel that somehow you have missed the joy of living and peace of mind that many others get out of life, you should try religion; not as a magic wand to dispel all your difficulties, but as a spiritual healing agent to open your eyes to a world you now cannot see.

J. A. WHITMAN,
Protestant Chaplain



Among the new non-fiction books going on the shelves of the CREW'S LIBRARY this month are the following:

Henry Gross and His Dowsing Rod, Kenneth Roberts; Buying Guide Issue, 1951, Consumer Reports; Lift Up Your Heart, Fulton Sheen; Your Income Tax, 1951 edition, Lasser; Butcher's Dozen and Other Murders, Martin; We of Nagasaki, Nagai; The New You and Heredity, Scheinfeld; Gun Care and Repair, Chapel; Bottle Fatigue, Partch; Skiing for Beginners, Brown; Yachtsman's Camera, Mitchell; Book on Duck Shooting, Heilner; Guide to Best Fishing, Lincoln; Book of Big Game Hunting, Snyder; Hinge of Fate, Winston Churchill; Ships and Aircraft of the U. S. Fleet, Fahey; Case History of a Movie, Schary; Gunsmithing Simplified, MacFarland; Ideas and Men, Brinton; Best Humor of 1949-1950, Untermeyer; Laughter Incorporated, Bennett Cerf; Scarne on Card Tricks, Scarne; Snobs, a Guidebook to Your Friends, Your Enemies, Your Colleagues and Yourself, Lynes; Source Book on Atomic Energy, Glasstone.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY
1930—In Chaplains' Office—Ward 40A

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
0630 — 0900 — 1215
DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1150
Confessions before Mass
LENTEN DEVOTIONS:
FRIDAY 1900
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
CHAPEL & 40A
NAVY RELIEF OFFICE — 40A

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 1000
in Staff Conference Room,
Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
upon request to the Chaplains' Office

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Ears Burning?

Pawtucket, R. I. (AFPS)—Flames came shooting out of the receiver of Mrs. Mildred McMillan's telephone as she spoke to a friend. She dropped the phone and ran to a neighbor's home to call the fire department. Firemen explained that a short circuit in the receiver caused the fire.

Ice was first manufactured in the United States in the 1880's.



The "Swabillies" beating out a hot lick above, are an example of what can be accomplished by aspiring musicians at the hospital. The Red Cross Music Room stands ready to furnish your chosen instrument, and when you feel you've gained the necessary musical adeptness, free recordings may be made to be sent home. The "Swabillies" are, left to right: John Rorsson, SNCS, Lucy O'Neill, Red Cross Recreation worker in the lounge; Don Laughlin, SN, Johnnie Percy, AD3, and Nieves Navarez, A.N.

Red Cross Ramblings

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Ronald N. Scheerer, AN, of Ward 79A, reached the ripe old age of twenty-one years on Lincoln's Birthday. The Red Cross staff worker brought a birthday cake decorated with candles. Here's wishing you a wonderful year ahead, Ronald!

BALLET

Six patients attended the premiere of the San Francisco Ballet last Saturday evening at the auditorium in San Francisco. It was their introduction to this type of production and they enjoyed it. The modern, and broader field of theatre dance was introduced by this group. "Filling Station," written in 1938, was presented as the highlight of the evening. The final dance was a charade about a debut party, interrupted by an unbidden guest. Gerald Kahnen, R. Bulmahn, W. E. Anderson, and J. E. Boone, of Ward 45A, felt that it was an evening well spent and that they understood the liveliest art in the dancing field.

MUSIC!

The Musicians Union entertained the men on Wards 74A and 51A last Wednesday with Hawaiian music using electric guitars for the "sweet" music. It was provided for this occasion by the cooperation of Local No. 6 of the American Federation of Musicians, through a grant from the Music Performance Trust Fund of the Recording Industry. The Fund is an extension of a program of public service originated by the Recording and Transcription Fund of the American Federation of Musicians, James C. Petrillo, President. They will visit the hospital on alternate Wednesday evenings to entertain patients.

PIN-UP ARTIST

An array of portrait sketches adorn the walls of the room of LT Gordon McPherson, USMC, of Ward 69A. Pretty nurses, yes, of course, but not exclusively. Handsome doctors, too! The amateur artist finds his former hobby fills in appropriately a long period of convalescence. Our board of critics passed most favorable comment on this one-man show. Step in and judge for yourself.

Front-Line Beat Claims Life of Marine Writer

With the First Marine Division in Korea (AFPS)—Technical Sergeant Shannon L. Meany, Marine Corps combat correspondent, is dead.

He died at nightfall, 7 December, of an occupational hazard peculiar to his job as a Marine scribe—enemy gunfire.

The lean, shaggy-mustached Irishman from Hewlett, Long Island, was "covering" the division's epic thirteen-day breakout from Hagaru on the northeast Korean coast when an enemy bullet struck him in the chest. He died instantly.

In a sense, he didn't have to. An outstanding non-com, he was holding down a necessary desk job at the rear echelon when the "big story" broke.

Then there was no holding him. He begged off his job as acting Public Info section chief, picked up a portable and rifle and shoved off.

Back to his beloved beat: the front lines, where his buddies were making history. It was a beat he had learned well at Inchon and Seoul, under fire.

He must have written a thousand words and one "Joe Blows." And with news a by-line.

But he never griped. A non-com of the old school, he had an intolerance for people who placed their own interests above those of the Corps.

Give!!

Last year, Red Cross Gray Ladies gave more than 2,574,000 hours of volunteer service in hospitals throughout the nation. You can help bring extra cheer and friendliness into the lives of thousands of patients in military, veteran, and community hospitals by giving generously to the 1951 Red Cross Fund Campaign.



Two patients of the hospital were honored with the nation's second highest military decoration last week. They were presented with the Distinguished Service Cross at the San Francisco Presidio. T/Sgt. T. A. Crowson, USMC, was awarded the medal by MAJGEN Graves B. Erskine, USMC, and Cpl. William C. Earnest, USA, was decorated by MAJGEN Milton B. Halsey, USA.

15 Nations Battle Reds In Korea

Tokyo, Feb. 5 (AFPS) — Armed Forces of 15 nations today are battling Communism in Korea. Here is the breakdown as compiled by the United Nations:

Australia—One air squadron; three naval vessels and ground forces.

Belgium—Air transports and ground forces.

Canada — Three destroyers; one transport squadron; ground forces.

Colombia—A frigate; an infantry battalion.

France—An infantry battalion.

Greece — Six transport planes; ground forces.

Netherlands — A destroyer; three infantry companies.

New Zealand — Two frigates; a combat unit en route.

Philippines — Regimental combat team; tanks.

Thailand (Siam) — Infantry combat teams, two corvettes, and a navy transport.

Turkey—Infantrymen.

Union of South Africa—Air fighter squadron.

Britain—Ground and naval forces.

The Republic of Korea and the United States—Large commitments.

Patients Go to Prison!

It isn't everyone who gets a free trip to San Quentin, with the privilege of returning the same day, but that's what happened to some 30 Oak Knoll patients Thursday when the Alameda County Civil Employees' Association arranged a trip to the State prison. Those who went on the trip at the invitation of Warden Duffy saw an all-day program of sports events, had lunch within the prison walls, and enjoyed the trip across the bridges to San Rafael, site of the prison.

The sale of newspapers on the streets of colonial America was rare until after the early 1830's. Previously, the papers were delivered to subscribers by post riders, who announced their arrival in each settlement by loud horn blasts.

Angler: "Yes, the fish was too small to bother with, so I got a couple of guys to help me throw it back in the lake."

Welcome and Farewell

Another busy week was reported by the Personnel Offices as 102 new staff members reported aboard and ten were detached during the week of 14 February through 20 February.

Reporting aboard were LCDR's J. C. Rennie and C. E. Chapman, from inactive duty; LT Evelyn M. Hatterberg, from USS Haven (TAH 12); LT Margaret A. Ryan, from MSTs, Pacific, San Francisco, Calif.; LT Bertha M. Bayers, LTJG's Mildred L. Gockel, Aleda J. Swanson, Ann E. Smith, Dorothy M. Holtberg, J. W. Georges, P. F. McCallin, Irving Fine, and H. M. Rupp, from inactive duty; LTJG M. H. Newman, from MSTs, Pacific, San Francisco, Calif.; M. R. Morri-on, HMC, from USNH, Mare Island, Calif.; HM1's C. J. Highley, D. G. Nestoroff, D. A. Parker, D. J. Peeler, J. F. Pegg, and J. E. Toschi, Jr.; HM2's A. C. Murphys, M. E. McElroy, K. A. Howerton, C. R. Hickman, C. E. Fisher, S. S. Casini, I. E. Bowers, and J. M. Ennis, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; J. R. Hall, Jr., HM2, from USNH, San Diego, Calif.; HM3's R. A. Zetterholm, R. Mayfield, F. G. King, F. B. Allen, R. W. Fertig, J. L. Farrow, D. T. Franklin, J. L. Gray, V. E. Heckel, P. E. Henderson, R. E. Paquette, L. Whitebread, R. J. Welch, C. R. Tinguely, J. G. Strunk, N. L. Steinhauer, A. A. Reyes, B. R. Reeves, and C. L. Priddy, from USNRS,

Treasure Island, Calif.; HM3's H. J. Gulbrandsen, and J. L. Clark, from USNH, San Diego, Calif.; J. S. Comeaux, DT3, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; HM3's R. E. Thompson, D. M. Martin, and H. G. Hayes, from USNH, San Diego, Calif.; HN's M. D. Nicholson, A. L. Mathias, H. L. Dougherty, R. J. Corbin, R. R. Willmes, F. J. Werner, R. E. Shawler, J. Landauer, J. J. Dinuzzo, and A. E. Branch, from USNH, San Diego, Calif.; HN's L. Belanger, A. D. David, P. T. Grier, G. King, J. R. Ritter, W. E. Shinn, P. J. Stockham, F. G. Thummel, T. E. Weilert, and S. A. White, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; J. A. Jordan, HA(W), from Navy Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif.; R. E. Freudenvoll, HA(W), from Navy Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif.; E. L. Harwood, DA, from NTC, San Diego, Calif.; HA's R. A. Ludden, R. L. Allen, C. O. Alsberg, L. D. Bench, D. D. Dahl, E. L. Garner, Jr., P. E. Masterson, and H. Hansen, from USNH, San Diego, Calif.; W. D. Hunsicker, DA, from NTC, San Diego, Calif.; HA's A. L. Seamands, and L. L. Sparks, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; HA's A. F. Brack, J. T. Gardner, A. E. Justice, Jr., L. L. Livingston, N. M. Paredes, N. G. Phillips, Jr., H. Rosen, H. A. Stokes, H. T. Suttles, C. J. Ambacher,

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All AF Personnel Must File Returns

(By The Armed Forces Press Service)

All Armed Forces personnel must file federal income tax returns for earnings during the year 1950. With limited exceptions—including those in combat zones—the returns must be filed no later than 15 March.

Returns must be filed regardless of whether or not any tax was withheld or is due. All Service personnel are required to file returns if they earned \$600 or more during the calendar year 1950.

In all cases, federal withholding tax statements (Form W-2) must accompany the completed returns.

Of special interest to Service personnel are the following:

1. The rate of withholding tax on Oct. 1, 1950, was increased from 15 to 18 per cent. Thus, if your disbursing officer had been withholding \$20.10 from your pay monthly before Oct. 1, he is now required to withhold \$24.20 from the same amount.

2. Enlisted men and warrant officers may exclude all active service pay for any month or any part of which they served in a "combat zone," and commissioned officers similarly may exclude up to \$200 per month of active service pay.

3. Personnel in a "possession of the United States," heretofore exempt, must now file returns.

Armed Forces personnel in continental U. S. must file their returns on or before March 15.

Those in overseas stations are allowed an extension of time until June 15 for filing the 1950 annual tax returns. Alaska, however, is in the same collection district as the state of Washington.

Service personnel on sea or foreign service duty on March 15 are cautioned that if they are uncertain about being able to get their returns in by June 15, an application to a Collector of Internal Revenue requesting further deferment should be made.

(Individuals in a "combat zone" or those hospitalized outside the U. S. because of injury in a combat zone may disregard the deadlines while continuing to serve in a combat zone or while so hospitalized, plus 180 days thereafter.)

Returns and payments are to be made to the Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which legal residence is maintained. For those not having a legal residence, returns and payments must be sent to the Collector of Internal Revenue, Baltimore 2, Md.



"This chow line really gets long, doesn't it?"



One hundred twenty-five Gray Ladies from Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, and Mt. Diablo Red Cross chapters graduated at recent ceremonies held at the Oak Knoll Officers' Club and are now ready to serve on the wards. Pictured with the new group of volunteers are Captain J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, executive officer, and Miss Vera Wilkeson, assistant field director.

125 Gray Ladies Capped and Ready For Hospital Service

Red Cross Gray Ladies from four East Bay chapters were capped in special ceremonies at the Officers' Club on Thursday, 8 February. The ladies were officially welcomed by Captain J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Executive Officer of the hospital.

Chapters present at the capping ceremonies were Alameda, Berkeley, Mt. Diablo, and Oakland.

Caps were presented to the Gray Ladies by Vera Wilkeson and Winifred Eley, assistant field directors.

The following ladies, having recently completed a course of instruction, were capped: Alameda Chapter—Mrs. Gordon Bell, Mrs. George Edgett, Jean Gerrard, Mrs. Florence Jolly, Mrs. John McKeene, Mrs. M. W. Smith, Mrs. Reva Stanich, Mrs. Peter Sutter, Mrs. Edmond Thomasson, and Ethel Tozier.

Mt. Diablo Chapter—Edith Conroy, Lillian Eikert, Barbara Farrell, Marilyn King, Helen Loeb, Marjorie Phillips, and Tessa Sipes.

Berkeley Chapter—Isobel Aitken, Sybil Allbright, Judith Allen, Eva Bailey, Leona Brittan, Audette Burns, Vivian Capener, Beatrice Carey, Joyce Cross, Florence Denison, Lucile Dettmer, Janice Downing, Sally Eckstein, Florence Edwards, Effie Elliott, Grayce Fahey, Edna Forbes, Frieda Fuhrmann, Dorothy Gardner, Mary Geney, Alma Gomez, Carmel Grady, Ida Hansen, Eleanor Hedges, Agnes Hocking, Alisce Holland, Kathleen Hutchins, Helen Jones, Irmgard Kahre, Evelyn Langer, Helen Larson, Gloria Lindh, Ruby Mathews, Georgia Max, Charlean McNay, Doris McNay, Rosemary Motta, Marion Norman, Kathleen O'Shay, Mary O'Shea, Janet Parker, Mary Lou Porter, Jane Rafter, Florence Rautio, Ann Rear, Mary Ruth Josephine Smith, Kay Thompson, Louella Topping, Irene Tyron, Edith Vandevor, Betty Wilson and Margo Wilson.

Oakland Chapter—Beulah Bone, Mary Jane Bonneau, Gloria Bracken, Zella Burch, Helen Burge, Helen Burress, Dorothy Case, Lucille Claunch, Cecilia Corioni, Marie Cormier, Jeanne deVilliers, Patricia Duffy, Dorothy Ellison, Eileen Funnegan, Edrie Funke, Helen Gallagher, Noel Gaustad, Adele Gill, Barbara Harper, Gloria Hewitt, Shirley Hooper, Marie Hughes, Mary Jane Kerrigan, Barbara Larsen, Mary Latera, Lillian Lewis, Betty Lobron, Dorothy Lough, Zola McGregor, Rosalie Maresca, Leon Mast, Marilyn Menge, Olive Mesecher, Dorothy Muller, Dorothy Moore, Mary Nelson, Geraldine Palsulich, Claire Paradis, Beatrice Parham, Ida Parlett, June Parramore, Dorothy Perry, Rose Peterson, Genette Powers, Joan Regan, Jane Robinson, Ronada Robinson, Ellen Rose, Ann Sandwick, Marian Schaaf, Lois Shorey, Sarah Taff, Bernice Telford and Gertrude Whitman.

WHAT YOU DID!

Omaha, Neb. (AFPS)—Miss Irene Summerson, 21, has joined the women Marines. Her father, Charles Richard B. Summerson, does public work for the Navy.

Red Cross Needs \$85,000,000

The Red Cross this year needs \$85,000,000 to continue its services to the armed forces and to veterans, its national blood program, its vast civil defense commitments, its disaster relief operations, and its expanded volunteer activities. Do your part to keep essential Red Cross services in operation by contributing to the 1951 fund campaign.

Hollywood Canteen Reopens In April

Hollywood, Calif. (AFPS)—The Hollywood Canteen, famous West Coast rendezvous for off-duty Servicemen and women during WW II, will return to active duty in April.

A new attraction will be a symphony orchestra of 70 pieces, all volunteers recruited from the ranks of Hollywood's finest recording artists.

NSLI Checks Due In April Says VA

Washington (AFPS)—The second National Service Life Insurance dividend of \$685 million will be paid to some eight million policy holders starting April 1.

The new dividend, to average \$85.00, will take up where the first one left off and cover through the anniversary date of policies this year. Anyone who took out a policy before 1951 and held it in force for three months or longer during 1948, 1949, and 1950 will be eligible.

The amount of individual payment in each case will depend on the number of months the policy was in force, the plan of insurance, face value of policy and age of the insured at time policy became effective.

Unlike the first dividend, it will not be necessary for a policy holder to apply for the forthcoming payment. The VA automatically will send the check to his last address on the agency's records.

Officers' Wives Will Model Spring Fashions

A display of fashions for every hour of the day will be the feature of the 14 March meeting of the Oak Knoll Officers' Wives' Club.

Julia's Shop at the Pelton Shopping Center, San Leandro, will supply the dresses, play clothes, evening gowns and other round-the-clock fashions that will be modeled by members of the club. Among the attractive models who will take part in the show are the Mesdames B. N. Ahl, J. L. Zundell, Robert Ware, G. C. Beattie, C. K. Holloway, Richard Ohl, Ralph Pietrobono, G. K. Ekblad, and William Thomas.

Chairman for the social event, which will begin at 1:30 and end with a tea at 3 o'clock, is Mrs. Robert S. Poos. Assisting her in arrangements for the meeting are Mesdames Holloway, Ware, Beattie, M. M. Rubin, Carl Behning, and Chester Klein.

Welcome and Farewell

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C. A. Barger, J. J. Favatella, and A. D. Rindfuss, from Navy Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif.

Detached were LCDR R. H. Cassidy, to inactive duty; LT's Rosemary C. Neville, and Anne M. Weir, to USNH, Bethesda, Maryland; LTJG W. Cooper, to USNH, Key West, Florida, LTJG Lucille F. Finney, to NavAd/Com, NTC, San Diego, Calif.; LTJG Edith E. Wright and ENS Charlene T. Gibson, to inactive duty; and ENS D. L. Phelps, to Naval Station, Treasure Island, California.

Iron Tigers!!

On the Western Front, Korea (AFPS)—United Nations forces are taking advantage of an ancient Chinese superstition. Orders recently were issued to paint tiger heads on all U.N. tanks on the Western front, armored officers said.



At a special Valentine's night show in the auditorium, Nellie Lutchter entertained with the songs that have made her world-famous over the past few years. Miss Lutchter was accompanied by George Duvinier on the bass, and Earl Hyde on the drums. Miss Lutchter is now appearing at San Francisco's New Orleans Swing Club, where her salary is around \$1750 per week. Also on the program were the Esquires, a top-rate dancing team.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

11 February

MAJORS, Patricia Elaine, to wife of Lilburn Majors, AK1, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.
 COLE, Boy, to wife of Robert Cole, YNSN, 9 pounds, 1½ ounces.
 GOOD, Kenneth Joseph, to wife of George Good, Pfc, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 RYAN, Robert Frank, 11, to wife of Robert Ryan, SKC, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

12 February

MAXWELL, Christine Anita, to wife of Eaph Maxwell, SN, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
 KUNTZ, Donna Marie, to wife of John Kuntz, RM1, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
 PATILLO, Boy, to wife of James Patillo, DCC, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 ROHNEY, Sharon, to wife of Brandon Rohney, Sgt, 4 pounds, 9 ounces.
 BLUBAUGH, Boy, to wife of Donald Blubaugh, PNA, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.
 SPRAGUE, Cynthia Jean, to wife of Earl Sprague, MM1, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 PRUDENTE, Arsenio, III, to wife of Arsenio Prudente, SN, 7 pounds, ½ ounce.
 CHACON, Dennis Ray, to wife of Ernesto Chacon, YN2, 9 pounds.

13 February

BAXTER, Josephine Ann, to wife of Hugh Baxter, SN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 JARRELL, Clark Edward, to wife of Billy Jarrell, AO1, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
 RICH, Carolyn Lea, to wife of John Rich, AK1, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
 HOLMES, Larry Lee, to wife of James Holmes, HM1, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 PORTER, Boy, to wife of Allan Porter, RELE (WO), 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 BARNETT, Debra Lynn, to wife of Cecil Barnett, LTJG, 6 pounds, 7½ ounces.
 DOWNEY, Patricia Ann, to wife of Edward Downey, BTC, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

14 February

BUSBY, Lonne David, to wife of Franklin Busby, AMS2, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 PRIVATSKY, Cynthia Sue, to wife of Kenneth Privatsky, CD2, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
 CLARK, Brent Junior, to wife of Fred Clark, AK2, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
 BLANCK, Carol Ann, to wife of Robert Blau, MM3, 8 pounds, 5½ ounces.
 CANTRELL, Girl, to wife of Joseph Cantrell, S/Sgt, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

15 February

BECKER, Kathleen, to wife of Robert Becker, EM2, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.
 HOSEMANN, Girl, to wife of Leland Hosemann, ENS, 2 pounds, 10 ounces.
 SMITH, Gordon Eugene, to wife of Donald Smith, ADC, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
 FRANCIS, Meralinda Sue, to wife of Joseph Francis, SA, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
 O'NEILL, Georgia Marguerite, to wife of Thomas O'Neill, SK2, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
 JOHNSON, Billy Howell, Jr., to wife of Billy H. Johnson, AKA, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

16 February

GURNS, Girl, to wife of Harry Gurns, TDC, 3 pounds, 8 ounces.
 SMITH, Donna Sue, to wife of Robert Smith, EM2, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
 SULZMAN, Victor Joseph, to wife of Edward Sulman, BTC, 7 pounds.
 WILLIAMS, Sharon Marie, to wife of Frederick Williams, BMSN, 7 pounds.
 DAVIDSON, Doris Ann, to wife of Byron Davidson, AT1, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 MOSMAN, Terry Lee, to wife of Harold Mosman, SN, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 RENKEN, Jeanie Monell, to wife of Marvin Renken, EM3, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
 PEASE, Linda Mae, to wife of Burton Pease, SK3, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.
 LOVE, Barre Deene, to wife of Joseph Love, BMC, 9 pounds, 10 ounces.

17 February

COCHRAN, Donna Rae, to wife of Billy Cochran, FN, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 DAVIS, Kenneth Lee, to wife of James Davis, LTJG, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 BARRAGAN, Theodore, to wife of Rogelio Barragan, TEM3, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 LAMBIE, Michael S., to wife of Lyle Lambie, AMAN, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 BALL, Jo Anna, to wife of John Ball, DT3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 TENG, Girl, to wife of Shih Lan Teng, SD1, 8 pounds.

A psychologist is a man who watches everybody else when a stunning girl walks into the room.

Give!!

Blood must be on hand when it is needed—for our armed forces, in our civilian hospitals. Our government has made Red Cross the responsible agency for procuring vast quantities of whole blood and for stockpiling plasma. Help make this invaluable medical resource available without charge to all who may need it—and it may be you! Support the 1951 Red Cross Fund Campaign.



Children of staff Chief Petty Officers enjoyed a Valentine's Day party at the Chiefs' Club Wednesday, 14 February. Reading from the lower left are Johnny McBeath, Pamela Edwards, Diane Crowe, Marion Morse, Bruce Crowe, and Judy Edwards. Reading from the lower right are Beverly Morse, Judy McBeath, Sandy Boyd, Linda Boyd, Susan Shields, Cande Cannell, and standing in the background, Mrs. E. A. Cannell.

Trillion in Benefits Seen for WWII Vets

New York (AFPS)—Veterans of World War II may eventually get nearly one trillion dollars in cash, services and privileges, the National Industrial Conference Board has announced.

The Board's estimate was issued recently in an analysis called "Veterans' Benefits Add Up."

The U. S. Civil War cost the Union \$4 billion, but "more than twice that has been spent in veterans' compensations and pensions." Last year, \$7 million were spent in Civil War benefits, the analysis said. It cost \$500 million to fight the Spanish-American War, according to the report, and six times that for veterans' benefits.

Navy Opens School For Dental Officers

Parris Island, S. C. (AFPS)—A regular "boot" camp for new Navy dental officers is now functioning at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot.

The basic training course, covering a two-week schedule, is designed to indoctrinate newly-appointed Reserve officers into military life and naval methods.

Current classes are a streamlined version of an experimental program conducted last fall when 24 new Navy officers received their indoctrination training.

Following graduation, the new dentists are assigned to naval ships and stations.

Hi-Lites

Coxsackie, N. Y. (AFPS)—Observing her 102nd birthday, Miss Margaret Houchin commented: "I'm getting old."

Minneapolis (AFPS) — The court fined Walter Lovhaug \$25 because he bit his wife when she threw him out of bed.

Humboldt, Tenn. (AFPS) — The announcer stated that the team would defend the north goal. Little Sara Jane Gullede, 4, was delighted. "That's where Santa Claus lives," she exclaimed.

Rochester, N. Y. (AFPS) — The Rochester Academy of Science's weather section was to hold its monthly meeting at which a lecture entitled, "Local Wind and Snow," was to be given. The meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

Birmingham, Ala. (AFPS) — The judge slapped a \$25 fine on Mrs. Louise Bishop for blasting 70 22 cal. bullets into a picture of her husband, which she had hanging on her wall. She told the judge she was "mad at her husband."

UN Troops to Learn 10 Key Chinese Word

Western Front, Korea (AFPS)—United Nations troops soon will be leaning from their fox holes and shouting at the Chinese enemy—in Chinese.

Orders were issued to MAJGEN Frank W. Millburn's First Corps to memorize ten key Chinese words or phrases.

Chinese and North Korean soldiers frequently have gained a vital instant or more by shouting in English that they are Americans.

The vocabulary of the United Nations forces in Chinese includes: "Come out," "danger," "comrade," "come here," and "don't shoot."



Members of the Clinical Laboratory School's newest and largest class posed for the photographer as they began their new work. The 12-week course scheduled for them includes practical training in the laboratory and lectures in theory by staff doctors. Kneeling, left to right, are C. B. Romero, HN, G. C. Gooder, HN, C. A. Rall, HN, R. M. Waller, HM3, P. A. Rogalinski, HN, J. R. Thornburg, HM3, W. J. Harris, HM3, and W. A. Brown, HN. Standing, left to right, are R. K. Parker, HN, A. M. Kjergaard, HN, L. J. Clevenger, HN, M. C. Carty, HN, D. M. Cenealis, HN, L. C. Rothe, HN, R. K. Borrer, HN, and B. G. Fonsworth, HN. Another member of the class not on hand for the picture is E. L. Ledbetter, HN (W).

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 25 February

LEMON DROP KID—Bob Hope, Marilyn Maxwell, COMEDY. The Lemon Drop Kid (Bob Hope), a Broadway race-track tout, has 23 days to pay Moose Moran (Fred Clark), a hoodlum, \$10,000 he owes him. As the deadline nears, in desperation enlists the aid of numerous Broadway characters by pretending he's establishing an old ladies' home for a beloved newspaper vendor, Nellie Thursday (Jane Darwell). The Kid's girl, Brainy Baxter (Marilyn Maxwell), and a big-shot racketeer named Oxford Charlie, also get involved in the scheme. After a series of misadventures, everything reaches a happy conclusion.

Monday, 26 February

OUR VERY OWN—Farley Granger, Ann Blythe, DRAMA. This is one of RKO's best strictly dramatic releases in some time. Released late last summer, it received a rating of very good from all reviewers.

Tuesday, 27 February

BIRD OF PARADISE (Color) — Louis Jourdan, Debra Paget, MELODRAMA. Andre Laurence (Louis Jourdan), a young Frenchman, pieces together the events of his life on an island which he is now leaving. He arrived on the island with Tenga (Jeff Chandler), while there fell in love with Tenga's sister, Kalua (Debra Paget). After a tribal ceremony they are married and live happily until a volcano explodes. Then the village prophet, Kahuna (Maurice Schwartz), decrees that Kalua sacrifice herself to the volcano to appease its anger. She does this without telling Laurence and he leaves the island grief-stricken.

Wednesday, 28 February

MARINE RAIDERS—Pat O'Brien, Ruth Warwick, DRAMA. If you like action stories, this RKO production will give you 92 minutes of good entertainment. A recent reissue, it has been well received by all audiences. The story is based on the activities of a famous group of Marines during the last world war.

Thursday, 1 March

CRY DANGER — Dick Powell, Rhonda Fleming, MYSTERY. Dick Powell, a bookie, is framed into San Quentin for a murder and a robbery that he didn't commit. After five years, Dick Erdman, a Marine veteran, returns from overseas, corroborates Powell's alibi and see Powell freed. He meets Rhonda Fleming, his cellmate's wife, and a big-shot bookie. Events prove that these two and the cellmate were the guilty parties to the crime for which Powell served time. At gunpoint, Powell delivers the criminals to the police.

Friday, 2 March

LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE — Richard Todd, Ruth Roman, WESTERN. This is a brand new western not yet released to the public. Warner Brothers has worked this one into an interesting and exciting 91 minutes. Very good.

Saturday, 3 March

GUNGA DIN—Cary Grant, Joan Fontaine, ADVENTURE. This is an old-timer by RKO that was a favorite with all who saw it. With two top-notch stars playing the leads, it gives you two hours of fast, furious, and fascinating adventure, a blunt, hard statement of the imperial policy that was and may yet be England's.

Alameda Defeats Oak Knoll, 60-43

Playing without the services of George Papadakis, who has been "shipped" to a technicians' school, the Oak Knoll basketballers bowed to the Alameda Naval Air Station, 60-43, last Tuesday at Alameda.

The contest started off on an even keel, and was tied up several times in the first four minutes. Then NAS hit three quick successive baskets to take the lead, only to have Oak Knoll come back to tie it up, 11-all, after ten minutes of play.

After the lead exchanged twice in the last ten minutes of the first half, NAS surged four ahead to take a 25-21 intermission advantage.

In the second half, NAS started the tallest men on their team to try to gain control of the backboards, which the Knollites had pretty much under control during the first period. The strategy worked, and with ten minutes remaining, NAS garnered a 20-point lead. Oak Knoll fought back to cut the margin to 14 with four minutes left, and held to that margin until the final two minutes, when NAS added three to walk off the court with a 17-point victory.

Both clubs used the platoon system, substituting a team at a time, but the Flyers' personnel was too tall for the Hospitalmen. Oak Knoll committed 25 fouls, and watched NAS cut the mesh 14 times on the charity tosses. NAS was guilty of fouling only 14 times, and Oak Knoll could do no better than 50% from the free throw line.

D. K. Richardson was high man for the Corpsmen with eight points, and Bill Manning, of the Flyers, took high point honors for the night with 13.

The hospital met Pacific Reserve Fleet Thursday night, the result coming too late for publication at this time, and will tangle with Mare Island on the latter's court next Monday.

Golf Tournament to Begin Monday, 26 Feb.

The Oak Knoll golf tournament will begin Monday on courses chosen by the entrants. Pairings have been made by the Athletic Department for the match-play tourney.

Entries received up to the Oak Leaf deadline, were, R. Ogas, ET2 Willie Jefferson, HN, G. E. Papadakis, HM3, C. C. Spencer, HN, LTJG R. M. Ware, E. A. Connell, HMC, J. E. Harris, HMC, and R. C. English, HM3.

Participants will make their own choice of courses for the matches but they are advised of the facilities of the Richmond Municipal Golf Course, where patients and personnel of the hospital are accorded all privileges, free of charge.

WHO'S WHO IN THE ARMY LIAISON OFFICE



The Army Liaison Office staff lines up on porch of the Administration building. In the front row, left to right, are SFC Oliver M. Soule, CAPT M. D. Barrick, CHC, and CAPT N. J. Cantley. In the back row, left to right, are Cpl. Jose Ferrierinha, Cpl. Charles Ehrenberg, Pfc. Pat Owen, and S/Sgt. Charles D. Powers. The Army Liaison section is responsible for the records of all Army personnel under treatment at the hospital. Chaplain Barrick was here on his triweekly tour of the hospital visiting Army patients.

Chuckles

A pink elephant, a green rat and a polka-dotted snake walked into a cocktail bar.

"You're a little early boys," said the bartender. "He ain't here yet."

Mother: "Now, Junior, be a good boy and say 'ah-h-h' so the doctor can get his finger out of your mouth."

Reports from Miami indicate next summer's bathing suits for women will have less cotton than you can find in an aspirin bottle.

The girl elevator operator sped the car up to the 10th floor. To her passenger she intoned: "This is your floor, son." Came the irritated reply: "Don't call me son; you're not my mother." "I may not be," was the retort, "but I was the one who brought you up."

A puncture is a little hole in a tire found a great distance from a garage.

"Oh, here's the place mother told me to stay away from—I thought we'd never find it."

Just about the time you think you can make both ends meet, somebody moves the ends.

"How's business, you liar!"

"Anyone would think I was nothing but a cook in this house," the wife complained.

"Not after a couple of meals there wouldn't," her husband retorted.

On a school examination one question which momentarily stumped junior was: "State the number of tons of coal moved by the railroad in any given year." Sudden inspiration came and he wrote: "1492—none."

People who insist on drinking before driving are putting the question before the hearse.

Bridgekeeper (to owner of old livery at toll bridge): "Sixty-five cents."

Driver: "Sold."

Derf Takes Rest!!

Missing from the Oak Leaf this week is Scuttlebutt, written by Derf, our roving gossip-seeker. Derf wasn't able to turn in his column this week, but will make his regular contribution next week. It is rumored that he is taking this time off to find more gossip and also to let his typewriter cool.

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Saturday, 3 March, 1951



"Is that right?" seems to be what Paul J. Nicolini, HM2, is saying as Margaret Whiting sings "My Ideal" to patients, and corpsmen, on Ward 46-A. Madcap Maggie proved a tremendous success during her four-hour-long tour of hospital wards last Tuesday afternoon. In the right photo, Maggie tries to get Cpl. Werner Reininger, quadruple amputee on Ward 42-A, to open up and join her in the singing of "Deep In The Heart Of Texas." Reininger, a resident of San Antonio, said "the spirit is willing, but the voice is weak." Even Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer of the hospital, left, couldn't coax more out of Reininger than, "man, but that gal can sing."

Trip To Clear Lake Via The Big Mars Planned For 50 Patients Next Week End

Fifty lucky patients will have a real treat next week end when they take off from Alameda aboard the Mars and land on Clear Lake for a three-day outing as guests of the Lake County Chamber of Commerce.

Once at the popular resort, a little more than a hundred miles north of Oakland, the Oak Knoll group will be guests of honor at a number of social functions including a real old fashioned barbecue, a Saturday night dance with attractive hostesses, a

Sunday brunch, and a 170-mile tour of the scenic area around Clear Lake. The Mars will bring patients back to NAS Alameda late Sunday afternoon.

How to get in on this deluxe outing? Sign up now at the Welfare and Recreation Office, topside, Community Service Building. The first fifty patients who turn in their names (with the approval of the Ward Medical Officer in each case) will be the lucky travelers.

"Madcap Maggie's" Hooper Hits New High After Oak Knoll Visit

Margaret Whiting, more popularly known in be-bop circles as Madcap Maggie, made a personal appearance in the hospital wards last Tuesday, and sang many of the numbers that have made her one of Capitol's top recording stars.

The ash-blonde co-star of the Jack Smith radio show, was flown here

from Hollywood by the Air Force, and during her stay in the Bay Area entertained at Oak Knoll, Mare Island Naval Hospital, and Travis Air Base. She spent four hours here, entertaining on twelve different wards.

One of the high spots of the attractive stage, screen, and radio star's tour was her rendition of "Baby, It's Cold Outside." Buddy Pepper, who accompanied her on the piano, provided the male voice for the number.

The five-foot-four songstress, who's legal name is Margaret Eleanor Whiting, but who wouldn't know who you were talking to if you called her by it, made a practice of singing request numbers on every ward. Especially popular were her renditions of "Louise" and "My Ideal," the latter being her favorite song and no wonder, since the composer was her famous and talented father, Richard Whiting.

Maggie didn't stop at singing. She spent as much time as possible talking to the individual patients and all who met her were convinced she is a "regular guy."

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The bedside of PFC Jerry Hix, USMC, Ward 77A, was one of the stops on Fleet Admiral and Mrs. C. W. Nimitz' itinerary when they visited the hospital one day last week. At the extreme left, with Mrs. Nimitz, is Captain Otto W. Wickstrom, Head of the Plastic Surgery Department, and smiling at Jerry from the right are the Admiral, the Commanding Officer, Captain S. S. Cook, and the ward nurse, LTJG Martha Parrish. Admiral and Mrs. Nimitz visited Korea casualties on a number of other wards and stopped to see the Artificial Limb Center and the Red Cross Lounge.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

On the island of Hawaii there is a volcano called Mauna Loa. Its crater is nine miles around, and looks down into a lake of liquid fire that burns and smoulders day and night. The natives believed that a fierce goddess called Pele lived in that flaming furnace. They were told that if a woman ever climbed that mountain, gathered berries from its bushes, and threw them into the crater, the goddess would rock the mountain with thunder and shatter the whole island.

About one hundred years ago Christian missionaries instructed the people in the one, true God, and gradually persuaded them to give up their false gods. But fear of the fierce Pele still made the natives tremble.

One day a native woman, a Christian convert, courageous in her new found faith, decided to defy the fire-goddess and break forever the fear of her power. This woman's name was Kapiolani. She climbed the mountain, picked the berries, and walked over to the edge of the crater. She threw in the native berries, shouting with all her might:

"If I perish by the anger of Pele, then dreadful is her power. Behold, I defy her; I break her orders—and yet I live and I am safe, because the Lord Almighty is my God. His power enkindled these flames and His hand restrains their fury."

Would that more Christians had such courage. Would that more followers of Christ would bravely defy bigotry, and human respect, and greed for gold, and greed for pleasure, the fires that burn perpetually in the crater of the human heart.

Courage was one of the outstanding characteristics of Christ. It is a mark of His followers. Courage or fortitude is one of the four cardinal virtues. It is that virtue which gives us strength of soul in meeting and bearing with difficulties for God and for our salvation. Courage is that quality of mind which enables us to meet dangers and difficulties with firmness and valor.

Courage has several assistant virtues, qualities which help do its work: Patience is one; perseverance is another. Patience enables us to bear setbacks and afflictions of body and soul.

Perseverance or stick-to-it-iveness holds the soul to its good purpose through thick and thin, through long continued trials.

Courage does not mean bold, brash and blustering daring. That is a vice rather than a virtue. The other extreme, excessive timidity, is also sinful. It prompts us to dodge dangers that we can and should face. Some people, for example, are kept from a devout and sincere practice of their religion from fear, yes, fear of what others may think and say. They lack courage.

To a certain extent courage is a natural virtue. But true religious, spiritual courage and fortitude comes only from above. May the Lord give us courage in every walk and phase of life.

A. T. WALLACE,
Catholic Chaplain

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SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Margaret Whiting Visits Oak Knoll

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For those who like their music with a bit of Westernese, she gave forth with "Slippin' Around," which she and Jimmy Wakely recorded into national prominence.

Maggie started her singing career at the age of fifteen on the Johnny Mercer Show over NBC and she still sings for the versatile Mr. Mercer, who is now president of Capitol Records.

"It Might As Well Be Spring," "How Deep Is the Ocean," and "A Tree in the Meadow" are a few of the numbers that owe their success to Miss Madcap. Her radio work has included stints with the Eddie Cantor Show, the Phillip Morris Follies, Command Performance, Lux Radio Theatre, Club 15, and the aforementioned Jack Smith Show.



Quiz games are always a lot of fun but they're even better when you have attractive help looking over your shoulder. In the photo above University of California hostesses, Jackie Lange and Joan Mallory, look on while (left to right) Sgt. Horace U. Smith, USMC, Pvt. George H. Woodworth, USMC, Pfc. Kenneth F. McGuire, USMC, and Pfc. Archie Thurmond, USA, match their wits with a brain-twister. Assisting in the game is Miss Mary Finley, Red Cross Gray Lady from Berkeley Chapter.

Red Cross Ramblings

CHOW TIME

When scanning the current magazines you sometimes come across advertisements of flapjacks with bacon and eggs and you think to yourself, "Gosh, I wouldn't mind a plate right now." You can have just that sort of food by being a guest of the Villa de la Paix restaurant in downtown Oakland and participating in the KLX breakfast broadcast. F. H. McEntire, R. Powers and Mennenhall made the trip last Sunday morning. If you are interested in attending one of these Sunday brunches, see the Red Cross worker on your ward. The station wagon leaves at 1100 and returns around 1400.

HILL BILLY MUSIC

Should you perchance be visiting on Ward 42B you would hear music, loud and continuous, from the radio sitting on the bedside table of Herbert F. Walker, Pfc., U.S. Army. Walker hails from Nashville, Tennessee, and has spent the past four months in traction as a result of injuries in Korea. His ward pals arrive and leave but Walker remains with his hillbilly music. William K. Brown, who moved into the bed next to Walker recently, says he hopes to be able to go on liberty very soon. "Tennessee" Walker would appreciate anyone loaning him hillbilly records they might have.

FINE ARTS

Two Red Cross Gray Ladies are instructing in hobbies and avocations under fine arts. Mrs. Carl Nelson has been assisting patients in developing their various talents along this line. Kenneth Endboltz, Cpl., USMC, of Ward 77A, has been working with a sketch book and has displayed many pencil drawings. W. D. Hallnagel, Pfc., Ward 43B, enjoys depicting the green hills of the Bay Area and the surrounding terrain in water color. Leroy Wientjes, EN, takes a colored pencil and in no time flat has put on drawing paper water scenes, eucalyptus trees, or your favorite woodland animal. For practice he has been using as models some of the photographs appearing in the National Geographic Magazine. Leroy, when are you going to have an exhibit of your work? Robert Akers, who recently arrived in this

ward from 42B, is a new enthusiast and is doing well. Francis Cox, AM, a former sign painter, likes to draw our small, feathered friends, especially the robin.

LONG HAIRED MUSIC

Some of the men attended the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Leonard Bernstein, at the Berkeley Community Theatre Monday evening. Richard Robinson, SN, Leonard Duffy, Pfc., USMC, Dyiewiki, Pfc., USMC, and William Beauchamp, Cpl., USMC, enjoyed Schumann and Franz Joseph Haydn. They also commented about the excellent acoustics of the theatre.

JUMPIN' GEORGE AND HIS BEBOP PROGRAM

Monday, 19 February, Mr. George Oxford, of Station KXBR in Oakland, visited the Red Cross Lounge (Building 32) with his jazz band and recorder. The jumpin' jive of the dixieland band members played with "Jumpin' George" interviewed patients around the room. Their conditions of your favorite tunes in bebop and jive were "hep." The Red Cross Blood Bank and the great need for blood to be shipped overseas to troops was explained during the interviews. Several of the patients, Mr. Oxford of the quantity of blood they had received after their injuries. Listen to the program when it is broadcast over Station KXBR on Friday evenings at 2145. He will be back again for more broadcasts and is bringing the same band with him next Monday, 5 March. Don't miss him in the Lounge. Come over and bring your ward pal with you.

Portland, Me. (AFPS) — Mud horns now adorn locomotives of Maine Central Railroad. The change came about when farmers complained that the old-style whistles upset their cows and chickens.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

STUFF 'N STUFF: Chief Branson, tired of slovenly telephone habits (as who isn't), has finally done something about it. Several Bell Telephone representatives have been out to the Base this past week giving the staff tips on telephone efficiency and courtesy. — If you hear Donald Simmons humming the melodious waltz "Wunderbar," you'll know it's something he picked up at "Kiss Me, Kate." — Also spotted Harvey Poulson, Ray Babin and Louis Dunston scattered about in the audience. — Perched in a box, just like royalty, was Chief Branson with some New York friends. — You lovers of sleep are in for a treat. I hear tell they're going to start playing "Reveille" bugle records to speed up the morning sleepyheads. I doubt if even that will get Jim Harris out of his bunk! — Walt Connick tells of seeing the following on a theater marquee in Chinatown: "Chinese film and foreign film." The "foreign" film was a Betty Grable picture. — Remember Arthur Blake, the impressionist? When he performed here he gave us his impressions of Carmen Miranda, Margaret O'Brien, Bette Davis, Charles Laughton, etc. If you look carefully, you'll spot him as "Montfleury" in "CYRANO DE BERGERAC." — Seen dancing at Berkeley's swank Claremont Hotel was Lou Freese, Transportation's "Lothario." — CDR Sproul was also taking advantage of the enticing music at the Garden Terrace. — Delorise Stafford wants overseas duty. She's tired of continental comforts and wants to rough it overseas. — Ernie Hendrix sent his BW back to the ancestral cotton fields in Mississippi. — Floy Jackson wouldn't discuss her leave plans, but she wants everyone to know she's with her husband. — Burt Avellar persuaded Bill Hinkley to sign up for a Com-WesSeaFron draft with him. Avellar wasn't selected, but Hinkley was. Result: Avellar gets Hinkley's car for a very low price. Sounds premeditated to me!! — The new quarters for HM1's and HM2's are so elegant that Jim Foster is almost tempted to sign over to the Regular Navy. — Our A.A. representative reports that champagne is going very cheaply at a nearby store. — Muggsie Mahoney suggests that the Hospital's name be changed to "USN Receiving Station, Oak Knoll Annex." — We have a corpsman who has been a guest at the French Embassy, but he won't let us use his name. Sounds intriguing. — The MAA Force is back on a section watch after their long "vacation." — Guy Chambliss is still shivering from a close call in which he would have been inhaling salt air for quite a while. — Herb Schneider has been getting mysterious phone calls and his answers to the "party" aren't at all business-like. Who is she? — Jim Grey, one of the San Francisco Ballet Company's favorite young dancers is now a member of the Oak Knoll "Corps." — P & A's Barbara Scholl is flashing a diamond ring bestowed upon her by Floyd Scott from the Environmental Sanitation School. Cupid really keeps the torch burning on this station, doesn't he?

Truman Sees Newest Weapons At Aberdeen

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. (AFPS)—America's efforts are directed toward peace rather than the destruction of "any nation or government," President Truman said here during a recent demonstration of the nation's newest weapons.

The show of armament presented for the Chief Executive included the first viewing of the Army's new T-41 Bulldog tank, which has been removed from the confidential list. Later, after the new tank had demonstrated its capabilities, Frank Pace, Jr., Secretary of the Army, formally christened it the "Walker Bulldog."

Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, then climbed atop the tank and explained:

"We have selected the name of General Walker for this tank because of the characteristics he demonstrated in Korea, where he was known as the Little Bulldog."

Gen. Walton H. Walker, former commander of the Eighth Army, was killed in Korea in a jeep crash.

The Walker Bulldog, designed primarily for reconnaissance, is a fast vehicle that the Army said "can be operated as easily as your own civilian automobile."

President Truman showed keen interest in the new weapons—from a new lightweight, fast-shooting rifle that may now replace the Garand, to a huge eight-inch self-propelled gun that shook the ground with a tremendous boom.

Dentists Drill Targets

Camp Pickett, Va. (AFPS)—Dental officers and enlisted technicians of the 43rd Winged Victory Division here have shown that they can drill more than teeth, and at 200 paces. For drilling bullseyes on the target range, four dentists and a technician have won pistol marksmanship medals.

Host: "Why are you washing your spoon in your finger bowl?"

Guest: "So I won't get egg all over my pocket."



Rear Admiral Robert S. Davis, DC, USN, District Dental Officer and Inspector of Dental Activities, Pacific Coast, conducted his annual inspection of dental activities at this hospital on Wednesday, 21 February. After completion of his official duties he joined the Commanding Officer (with whom he is pictured here) and members of the dental staff for luncheon at the Club. Present were CAPT W. N. VanZile, Chief of the Dental Service, CDR Richard W. Ohl, CDR Raymond F. Huebsch, CDR Lorenz G. Hopfer, LTJG Earl N. Behning, and LTJG Philip H. Sues.

Training Course for Navy Relief Volunteers

A special Training Course for the workers of the Navy Relief Society will be convened in the San Francisco area from 12 March to 6 April 1951. This course is for the instruction of new workers in the Volunteer Women's Program for assistance in the work of the Navy Relief Society.

Wives of Navy and Marine Corps personnel, active and retired, are eligible to take the course, which will be conducted by Miss Myrle James of the Navy Relief Society Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

Two classes will make up the course and will be held at San Francisco Naval Shipyard and Marine Memorial Club. Navy and Marine Corps wives are urged to enroll for this course. Contact Mrs. B. J. Rodgers, Commandant's Quarters 2, Yerba Buena Island, Phone EX 2-3931, Ext. 2612.

Mediterranean Area Bad for Dependents

Washington (AFPS)—Navy personnel on duty in the Mediterranean area are urged to survey living conditions there before deciding to send for their dependents into the area at their own expense.

In a circular letter to all naval personnel (BuPers Circ. Ltr. 6-51), the Bureau of Naval Personnel cited the following conditions as an aid:

1. No naval quarters are available.
2. Persons going to the area must live on the local economy.
3. Living expenses are extremely high and beyond the means of the average naval service family.
4. No hospital, dental, or medical facilities are available for dependents.
5. Return commercial transportation should be arranged before departing from the U. S. since Government transportation will not be available.

Buena Island, Phone EX 2-3931, Ext. 2612.



Bombo's of Oakland came through with another of their hit shows last Monday evening in the station auditorium. Featured on the program were, left, Tony Sanzo, former sailor, who kept up a fast and furious pace with two spoons in time to the music; center, Everet Rhoads, civilian fire-fighter at Oak Knoll, gives another fine performance with his excellent baritone voice; right, Janet and Dorinne, members of Scotty Weston's troupe accompanying the show here, captivate the audience with their dancing. Music for the show was furnished by Bert Bales and his Dixieland Band from Victor's Club.



Featured in Sid Wolf's Gold Coast Revue given here on Washington's Birthday, was Miss Joan August, sultry songstress, above, appearing with the entire Gold Coast troupe through the auspices of United Shows Alliance "Salute to Top Fighting Men," Miss August was called back for several encores.

Gold Coast Troupe Performs At Oak Knoll

Washington's Birthday was celebrated at Oak Knoll with the appearance of Sid Wolf's Gold Coast Revue. The classy bunch of entertainers from the popular International Settlement club in San Francisco, displayed their theatrical wares in three wards and the station auditorium.

With M. C. Al Lyon bringing 'em on, and lending some of his own guitar and terpsichorean talent to the program, patients were treated to a truly professional afternoon and evening of entertainment.

Giving out with Hawaiian, Spanish, and Chinese dance numbers, was Darla, a versatile stylist of foreign dance interpretations. Lyn Bailey, popular song-bird, followed with a trio of popular tunes, and Jean Banett, entertained with a Gypsy number.

Suzzan Bryant was a big hit with four Oriental dance routines, and she was backed up by Trudy Mason's songs and dances in a sailor uniform.

Fay Blackstone kept the predominately dancing revue well alive with a rhumba, waltz, and modern routine. The show was topped off by Joan August, a sultry singer of all songs.

Music for the revue was provided by pianist Bill Hood and drummer Stan "Porky" Lavenroth.

The show was another in the series of United Shows Alliance "Salute To Top Fighting Men," and was presented through the cooperation of Local No. 6, American Federation of Musicians, and the American Guild of Variety Artists. A vote of thanks is due Sid Wolf, owner of the Gold Coast, for his wholehearted cooperation.

A Message From The President

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, D. C.

Our country has been mobilizing its military and civilian resources in the interest of security and peace. With speed and effectiveness the American Red Cross has made available its total resources to the Nation. The Red Cross is serving the armed forces at home and abroad, procuring whole blood and plasma of vital importance in saving lives of wounded soldiers. It also provides welfare and recreational services to the able bodied and hospitalized, and financial aid and counsel to their families and dependents.

In Civil Defense the Red Cross is in cooperation to the fullest extent with local, state, and federal authorities. It is the coordinating agency for the procurement of blood for Civil Defense, as well as for the Armed Services. It has responsibility for training Civil Defense workers and the general public in first aid and for training nurse's aides and others in home care of the sick and injured. In addition many other volunteer services such as welfare service to veterans and their dependents, Junior Red Cross, Motor Service, Gray Ladies, and Disaster Service, remind us that the Red Cross serves both in war and peace.

Year in and year out, therefore, the Red Cross commands our hearty cooperation. You and I are the Red Cross. We are the members, the workers, the volunteers, the financial supporters. As we continue to give of our time, work, and even blood, I am sure we shall be even more generous in meeting the financial requirements for the coming year.

To this end I urge our government workers throughout the Nation to support the 1951 campaign.

HARRY TRUMAN

Retired Admiral Enrolls For College Training

Peoria, Ill. (AFPS)—Rear Admiral Forrest A. Rhoads, who retired last year after 34 years of service in the Navy is now due for hazing—as a college freshman.

He is enrolled at Bradley University under the G.I. Bill of Rights. He is taking a four-year course in jewelry store management which includes watch making, the Admiral's hobby, which he now plans to put to practical use. He entered the Navy as an apprentice seaman in 1916 after his graduation from high school.

"I suppose you've been in the Navy so long you're accustomed to sea legs?"

"Honest, Lady, I wasn't even looking!"

"Luckies" to All

It was Luckies more than "2 to 1" at the hospital last Friday when gift packages of the "so round, so firm, so fully-packed" cigarets were distributed to every patient and staff member.

John Velton, Oakland and Berkeley representative for the American Tobacco Company, delivered the carload of free smokes to the wards.

LCDR E. L. Wade, ChC, USN, has announced that \$614.22 was contributed to the March of Dimes by personnel at Oak Knoll.

Pat: "If I had to do it all over again, honey, do you know who I'd marry?"

Honey: "No, who?"

Pat: "You."

Honey: "Oh, no, you wouldn't."



CDR Anton Zikmund took the oath of office as a captain in the Medical Corps, United States Navy, when he reported aboard Monday for his third tour of duty at Oak Knoll. He was sworn in by Captain S. S. Cook, Commanding Officer. Dr. Zikmund returns here from the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia, and has been assigned to an important post as assistant to the Chief of Medicine. His previous tours of duty here were from May, 1943 to April, 1944 and from November, 1947 to July, 1950. The new captain, his wife, and their two young daughters are happy to be back among their many friends at Oak Knoll and in Oakland, which they have chosen as their permanent home.



Major Joao Oscar Espindola, Medical Corps, Brazilian Army, and LTJG Robert M. Ware, Supervisor, Artificial Limb Department, examine one of the many artificial limbs produced by the Amputee Center here at Oak Knoll. Major Espindola, who is Chief of Orthopedics at the Brazilian Army Hospital at Rio Janiero, is visiting the hospital through the auspices of his government. Oak Knoll is his last stop on a tour that has carried him completely across the United States.

Hi-Lites

Palm Beach, Fla. (AFPS)—Mr. and Mrs. Jose de Landa became tired of living in a "museum." They hired a wrecking crew to demolish the multi-roomed, \$1 million home and plow it under.

North Easton, Mass. (AFPS)—Just outside this town is a shop bearing the following sign:

Antiques — Buttons
Coins—Darn Near
Everything

Kenosha, Wis. (AFPS)—An engineer became confused and started his train out of the station. As a result, the conductor had to run back to catch the train, nine would-be passengers were left standing in the station, and a man couldn't get off the train.

Burnips, Mich. (AFPS)—Miss Gertrude Levandowski weighed 300 pounds. Two weeks after an operation, her weight was 296 pounds. She hopes to get it down to 200.

East Los Angeles, Calif. (AFPS)—Two boys signed a complaint against William Allard arrested for hitting them with a slingshot. Allard boasted he can hit targets as far away as 250 feet with his weapon. Allard is blind.

Gay Head, Mass. (AFPS)—Local on Martha's Vineyard, this village became the last community in Massachusetts to install electricity. Many of the town's 88 residents purchased television sets in anticipation of modernization.

Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll's Personnel Offices kept up a busy pace during the week of 21 February through 27 February as seventy-one new staff members reported aboard and thirty-nine were detached.

Reporting aboard were CAPT Anton Zikmund, from Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.; CDR A. B. Smith, from temporary duty; LCDR C. K. Holloway, from FMF, Pacific Troops, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; LT Elizabeth Stoltenberg, from MSTs, Pacific, San Francisco, Calif.; LT Madge I. Hampton, from USNS Gen. Nelson M. Walker, (TAP-125); LT Nellie H. Queen, and LTJG's Loretta F. Bielecki, Janet B. Beyer, Jean L. Strecker, and Anita M. Casey, from inactive duty; LTJG's R. J. Harvey, and C. L. Klein, from FMF, Pacific Troops, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; P. Lemich, HMC, (W), from U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif.; F. E. Hillyer, HMC, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; HM1's J. D. Pinkston, L. L. Lane, and R. R. Reece, HM2's W. S. Morgan, R. W. Oborn, R. C. Hopson, B. L. Lind, T. R. Moore, and H. T. Wong, HM3's P. G. Nickkel, N. Bitting, C. I. Hannis, Jr., R. L. Lange, and P. E. Vosburgh, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; K. W. Hamilton, Jr., HM3, and HN's K. M. Welch, and D. W. Hare, from U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif.; L. E. Schofield, HN, from Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; HN's W. W. Wooden, Jr., J. R. Whittaker, C. O. McMican, J. A. Jenkins, B. J. Haidle, J. H. Gourley, J. E. Fichter, J. W. Brimer, E. A. Rockwell, R. F. Pearson, C. L. Morgan, C. Leiss, and J. A. Engler, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; B. J. Smith, HN, and HA's B. A. Wolfe, R. F. Vaughn, F. M. Robinson, D. F. Ramsey, W. T. Ormsby, D. M. Bowles, W. W. Ash, and J. Arhontes, from U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif.; HA's C. A. Wooten, A. L. Simons, K. L. Carter, A. K. Leva, D. R. Hillan, H. B. Jones, and C. W. Baker, from U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif.; HA's J. W. Erickson, K. W. Havens, H. W. Walton, A. J. Stanton, R. L. Winsett, T. A. Snider, D. R. Scharf, L. E. Ruel, G. A. Quint, and T. E. Lucas, from USNRS, Treasure Island, California.

Detached were CDR L. B. Megoon, to inactive duty; T. E. Whitworth, HM2, to Twelfth Naval District Medical Office, San Francisco, Calif.; E. E. Hunter, HM2, and HM3's T. E. Tosh, F. R. Tolbert, T. E. Stevens, W. Dardau, and T. R. Craven, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; FFT; G. E. Papadakis, HM3, to USNTC, San Diego, Calif.; D. A. Myers, HM3, to Naval Shipyard, Hunter's Point, San Francisco, Calif.; R. W. Rauha, HM3, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill.; SN's C. Miller, G. R. Loftin, D. C. Holweger, W. J. Hiltgen, J. W. Fishel, and G. L. Chachere, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; R. A. Cate, HN, to USNTC, San Diego, Calif.; HN's H. L. Wills, W. I. Warrick, Jr., J. M. Smith, and R. W. Grundy, to U. S. Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, Calif.; G. E. Slaven, HN, to U. S. Fleet Training Center, San Diego, Calif.; G. W. Keane, to Naval Shipyard, Hunter's Point, San Francisco, Calif.



Lynn Cuttle, 13-year-old daughter of CDR Tracy D. Cuttle, MC, USN, and her mount will be among the many attractions offered Sunday when Cressmount Stables at Mills College Riding School present a horse show as a benefit for Oak Knoll. Pictured here with Lynn are Bonny Bothwell, another member of Shongehon, a group of advanced high school girl riders who will participate, and Bernie E. Abbott, RM3, USN, and Thad M. Smith, AN, USN, who went down to Mills last week to get a prevue of the show, which is scheduled for 1 p.m. in the covered ring at Cressmount, not much more than a stone's throw from the hospital. Patients and staff are invited.

Another "Well Done"

From: Lieutenant Kemp Catlett Christian, Jr., 261939/1355, USNR
To: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California
Via: Commanding Officer
Subj.: Hospital Personnel

1. During my recent treatment for Perineal Sinus I was so impressed by the excellent and sympathetic treatment extended to me by all personnel concerned that I should like to make it a matter of record.

2. My operation and subsequent treatment, performed by Commander George M. Lynch (MC), USN, left nothing to be desired.

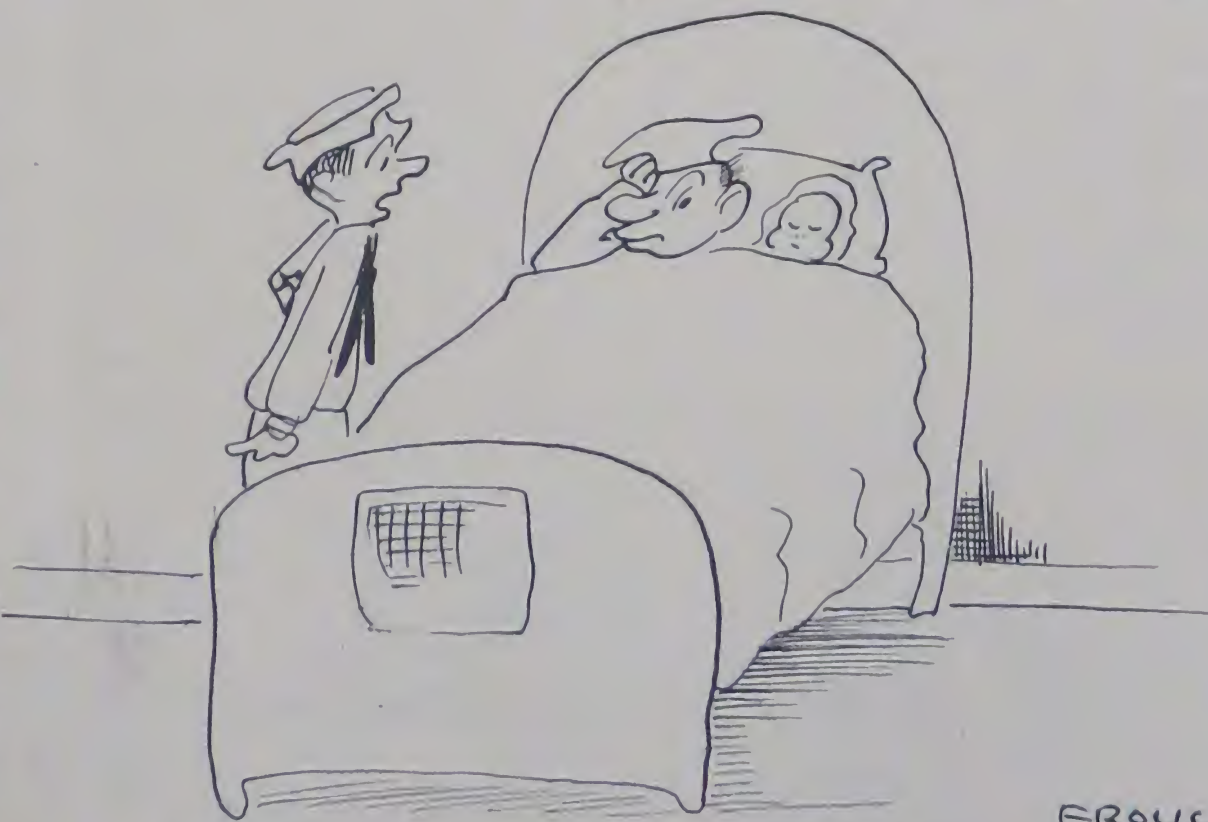
3. I feel that my recovery, on Ward 68A, was highly facilitated by the efficiency and sympathetic care extended to me by Doctors V. L. Boersma and Tracy D. Cuttle, and Nurses Stewart, Winsing, Casares, Johnson, Carr and Ryan, all of whom made me feel that they were personally concerned with my well-being. I was especially impressed by the Corpsmen on Ward 68A, James Faulkner, James Callen, Rudemeyer and MacGuire, who, despite long hours, were always cheerful and unfailing in their efforts to help everyone on the ward.

4. During the unfortunate present state of international affairs, and with the prospect of yet more trying times ahead of us, it is a great satisfaction to have had firsthand knowledge of the high caliber of such personnel in the Navy's Medical Corps.

KEMP CATLETT CHRISTIAN, Jr.

The field sergeant used maps with pinheads and explained that it was symbolic—each pinhead represented one recruit.

"I wish we'd get a few shipwrecked sailors washed ashore," mused the cannibal chief. "What I need is a good dose of salts."



"Don't be funny! I'm only watching it."

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

18 February

GAGNON, Raymond Eugene, Jr., to wife of Raymond Gagnon, YNT3, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
LEWIS, Girl, to wife of Carlton Lewis, GM1, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.
GONZALES, Mary Ann, to wife of Anthony Gonzales, AN, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
SCHMORANC, Gary Harm, to wife of Ray Schmoranc, LTJG, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
MOEHRING, Charles Edwin, Jr., to wife of Charles Moehring, YNTC, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
McCONNELL, Michael Edward, to wife of Donald McConnell, ADAN, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

19 February

VOLKMAN, Michael John, to wife of Henrik Volkman, ET1, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
MILLER, Boy, to wife of John Miller, BMC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
TRIMBLE, Elizabeth Carmen, to wife of Charles Trimble, TMT3, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
YATES, James Michael, to wife of Cyril Yates, EM2, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
BROCK, Boy, to wife of Noble Brock, RM1, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
BLUMENTHAL, Carol Sue, to wife of Stanley Blumenthal, LT, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
MUELLER, Kathleen Ann, to wife of Alvin Mueller, AK3, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
McCONATHY, Mary Ann Virginia to wife of Robert McConathy, Sgt., 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
HINES, Girl, to wife of Henry C. Hines, Jr., 4 pounds, 12 ounces.

20 February

OWEN, Carolyn Faye, to wife of George Owen, HN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
CARTER, Charles Thomas, III, to wife of Charles Carter, II, Pfc., 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
TOTH, Mary Margaret, to wife of Andrew Toth, AE3, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.
BERRY, Richard Ronald, to wife of John Berry, LTJG, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
POELKE, Boy, to wife of Arnold Poelke, DC2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
LANDRUM, William Walter, Jr., to wife of William Landrum, YN3, 8 pounds.

21 February

COVERT, Donna LaMarr, to wife of Richard Covert, Cpl., 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
DUNN, Robert William, Jr., to wife of Robert Dunn, SN, 5 pounds.
LONG, Thomas William, to wife of Edward Long, T/Sgt., 8 pounds, 13 ounces.
EVANS, Mark Harry, to wife of Clement Evans, FPG1, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
CARTER, Jeffrey Alan, to wife of Lawrence Carter, SO2, 7 pounds.
BOSTER, Bruce Michael to wife of Norman Boster, PN1, 8 pounds.
DEE, Charles Edward, to wife of Francis Dee, SA, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

22 February

DEVRIES, Michael Nathan, to wife of Melvin Devries, HN, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
McELHANNON, Stewart, III, to wife of Stewart McElhannon, Jr., GM1, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
STAHL, Roxann Riene, to wife of Carl Stahl, FN, 7 pounds.
THROOP, Patricia Ann, to wife of Forrest Throop, SN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
FLECKNER, Raymond Rignell, to wife of Clyde Fleckner, M/Sgt., 3 pounds, 12 ounces.
LEACH, Peter Kenneth, to wife of Ernest Leach, AD2, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.
TAYLOR, Mary Lou, to wife of Leslie Taylor, AL2, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
RYAN, Gary Kenneth, to wife of Kenneth Ryan, AD2, 9 pounds, 8 ounces.

23 February

KORDZIEL, Beverly Jane, to wife of Joseph Kordziel, EMC, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
WARNE, Darlene Ann, to wife of John Warne, YN3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
MYERS, Carol Ann, to wife of Sherman Myers, LTJG, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
BURDICK, Donnie Wayne, to wife of William Burdick, SN, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
FARWELL, Michael Howard, to wife of Howard Farwell, CDR, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
BELT, Leslie Owen, to wife of Ervin Belt, MA1, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

24 February

HUBENAK, Lorraine Grace, to wife of John Hubenak, AGC, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
SANGIOLO, Louis George, to wife of Leo Sangiolo, TM1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
DAVIS, Daniel Damion, to wife of L. V. Davis, CSC, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
BASKINS, Carol Ann, to wife of Earl Baskins, AD1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
CHARLAND, Sharon Denise, to wife of Joseph Charland, MM2, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
LEARY, Janet Juline, to wife of Charles Leary, LT, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
DOUGHNEY, Maureen Shannon, to wife of Frank Doughney, LT, 10 pounds, 8 ounces.
JONES, Susan Mae, to wife of Verne Jones, ALC, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.



The Iberico Club, Iberico Youth Club, and Augustina De Aragon organization of 1349 Hayes Street, San Leandro, were all represented last week when they presented the hospital with a television set. Another set was accepted by CAPT J. N. Cantley, the hospital's army liaison officer, for presentation to Letterman Army Hospital. Surrounding the two sets are, left to right, Sgt. Howard Gordon, USMC, T/Sgt. Louis Raguino, USA, John Borges, Bernard Garcia, Emily Nieto, Cpl. Willie Singleton, USMC, Ken Grace, Elsie Rauhut, Victor Madrid, and Gerald Kelly, FA, USN.

Armed Forces Baseball League Being Planned By Twelfth Naval District

Much news of an athletic nature came as a result of this week's 12th Naval District Athletic Meeting. Below are starting dates and information regarding the varied events to take place this Spring.

This year's baseball league will be called the Armed Services League, and will encompass at least ten Navy teams and two Army clubs. All players on this station interested in turning out for horsehide activities are urged to contact Athletic Director Joe Reginato at the Welfare and Recreation Office.

A badminton league or tournament will get underway 21 April, and there is plenty of room for adherents of the feathered cork.

A District Boxing Tourney will be held between 2 and 6 April at Alameda Naval Air Station. Volleyball will be featured by a tournament on 10 April, and all enthusiasts, especially basketball players, should report to Welfare and Recreation.

For those who like their tennis served on a table, a ping pong tourney will have necks twisting on 28 April, and also late in April, a regular tennis tournament will take place. The District Tennis League will get underway 2 May.

In June a swimming tournament will be held to round out the Spring and Summer seasons.

A special note of interest is the wrestling tournament now scheduled

for 14 March. All grunt 'n groaners should report to the versatile Mr. Reginato.

On 7, 8, and 9 March, the 12th Naval District Golf Tournament will be held on an invitational basis at the Sharp's Park Golf Club. The 72-hole medal play match will consist of 18 holes on 7 and 8 March, at 0930. On 9 March, 36 holes will be played at 0300 and 1200.

The hospital golf tournament is now being held, and all matches must be completed by 5 March. The two opponents may play at any time and choose their own course.

The first round pairings are as follows: R. Ogas, ET2, vs. Willie Jefferson, HN; C. C. Spencer, HM2, vs. R. G. English, HM3; E. A. Cannell, HMc, vs. R. A. Bridges, HM2; G. N. Nielson, HM2, vs. CDR M. Kurzrok; LTJG R. M. Ware vs. J. E. Harris, DTC; Pete Bowers, HM1, vs. CDR J. R. Dillon, and CAPT G. H. Ekblad vs. W. A. Ludi, HM2.

Entries for the coming new bowling tournament must be filed at the Welfare and Recreation Office no later than 12 March. In the tournament just finished, Chiefs No. 1 and X-ray came out on top of their respective leagues. They will meet in a play-off match in the near future. All former teams who are interested in playing in the new tourney should file their entry immediately.

Knollites Win Final Hoop Tourney Games

Coach Joe Reginato has proved himself a worthy prophet. His pre-season prediction that the hospital basketball team would be fortunate to win six games has come true. By winning last week's two final league contests, the Knollites wound up the campaign with a six won, eight lost record.

Last week's victories were over Pacific Reserve Fleet on Friday by the score of 55-43, and Mare Island via the count of 54-41.

Led by the season's end addition of six-foot-three center Jim Richardson, the hospital lads bumped the fleet boys by using the platoon system. It was a case of having more men than the opposition and merely running them out of gas. Ten men graced the Oak Knoll lineup, but the most Pac Reserve could muster was eight.

Halftime score was 32-30, Oak Knoll, and not until the final minute was the outcome apparent. With just four minutes remaining, the Fleet-ers tied the score, and only some timely clutch shooting saved the Hospitalmen.

Richardson, the former Balboa High star from San Francisco, shared high point honors at his pivot post with J. Owens, both lads accounting for 11 markers. Johnny Johnson aided the cause considerably with eight digits.

Oak Knoll was almost beaten at the free throw line. They could only collect 14 out of 25, while the losers racked up 20 for 32.

Monday's season finale provided the Corpsmen trouble during a low-scoring first half, but in the final period, their shooting was too hot for the Islanders to cope with.

Halftime score was 17-16 in the local boys favor, and most of that tally was accounted for by the red-hot Mr. Owens. Casting off from distances of 30 to 35 feet, he meshed four out of his first six attempts from the floor. This shooting was done against the Mare Island zone defense which seemed to puzzle everyone but him. Strangely enough, not a foul was committed against Owens, and the opposition seemed to think he'd leave well enough alone after the first few casts. They were more concerned over rebounding, but found that rebounds are worthless when the spheroid cuts the mesh.

Not to go without mention were the efforts of B. B. Hook, who potted 12, and Richardson, who netted nine.

The league wound up with Naval Air Station taking the championship bunting home to Alameda. Their 13-1 record was approached only by second place Moffett Field's 12-2 slate.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 4 March

MA & PA KETTLE BACK ON THE FARM—Marjorie Main, Percy Kilbride. COMEDY. This is the newest of Universal's famed Kettle family films. Very good information available as yet, but should be another favorite.

Monday, 5 March

THE FLAME AND THE ARROW (COLOR)—Burt Lancaster, Virginia Mayo. DRAMA. This is one of Warner Brothers' most outstanding productions of 1950. Released in June of last year, it was a hit from the very beginning. Excellent by all reviewers.

Tuesday, 6 March

QUEBEC (COLOR)—John Barrymore Jr., Corinne Calvet. ADVENTURE. Mark Douglas (John Barrymore, Jr.) the illegitimate son of Charles Drouin (Patric Knowles) and Stephanie Drouin (Corinne Calvet), who are leaders of a rebellion against British rule in Quebec in 1837. Stephanie is now married to a loyalist Colonel in the service of the British, whom she married to give Mark a name, thinking that Charles was dead. On the verge of victory for the rebels, the tide of battle is turned, and the rebels are beaten. Charles and Stephanie are killed in the fighting. Mark discovers his parentage and is praying in church at the climax of the picture with the girl he loves.

Wednesday, 7 March

REVENUE AGENT—Douglas Kennedy, Jean Willes. The workings of the Department of Internal Revenue in building up tax evasion cases are well covered in this action-packed, semi-documentary picture. The picture is several notches above the average, and should prove a solid attraction for all fans. Every member of the cast turns in a fine performance. Rated good.

Thursday, 8 March

THE FLYING MISSILE—Glenn Ford, Viveca Lindfors. ADVENTURE. This is action aplenty in this formalized story dealing with the latest additions to modern warfare. Glenn Ford, a naval commander, is dedicated to the belief that submarines should be equipped with deck launched platforms for releasing guided missiles. He takes it upon himself to prove this in Washington. After the first trial fails, he is wounded and morose. However, he tries again, the tests being successful this time. Rated good.

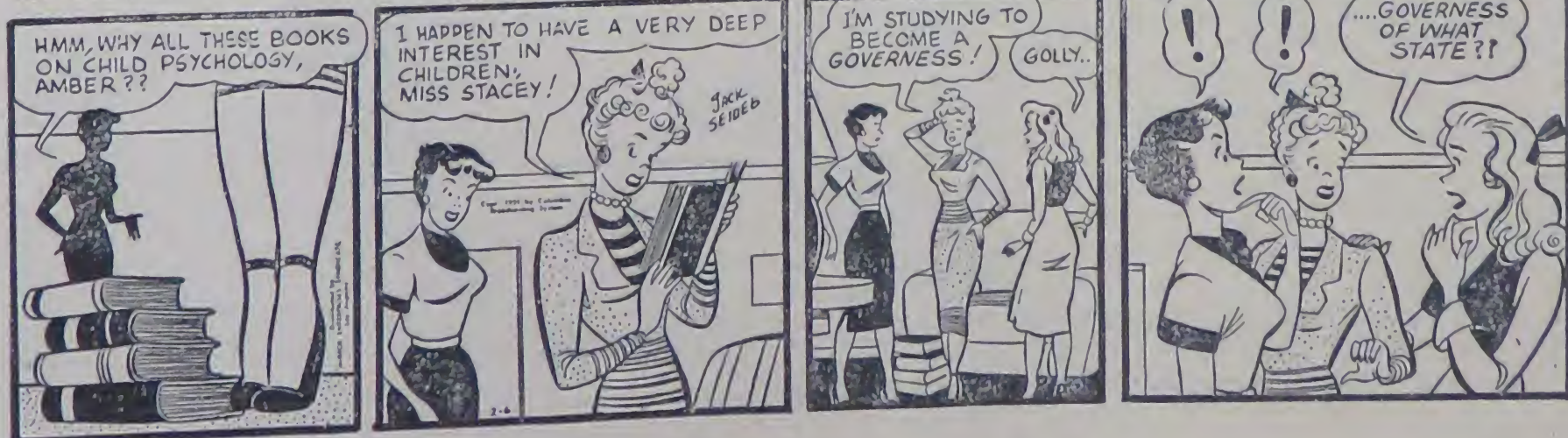
Friday, 9 March

ROYAL WEDDING (COLOR)—Fred Astaire, Jane Powell. Top billing for the film goes to Fred Astaire. He has capital assistance from Miss Powell but he steals the show with his dancing scenes, some of which are almost unbelievable. The story revolves around a traveling group of stars with Astaire and Miss Powell playing a brother and sister act. Some good comedy is found in the film. Reviewers rate it as excellent.

Saturday, 10 March

HOLIDAY AFFAIR—Robert Mitchell, Jane Greer. No information available on this film but with the above named stars playing the lead it should be another hit.

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Two Marine patients from Oak Knoll, George Pappas, right, of 81B, and Gene Jewitt, left, Ward 77A, took a trip last week end that made them the envy of every man in the hospital—to wit, a week end at Santa Anita. A deluxe train compartment, a room at the Biltmore in Los Angeles, and ten bucks to eat with and use as they saw fit, at the expense of Mr. Jack Kyne of Bay Meadows, all went to make the week end complete. They returned to Oak Knoll after the trip none the worse for wear and apparently well satisfied with their week-end capers.

Patients Win Awards In Cressmount Show

The whoops and shouts of the old West came to life briefly again as twenty patients attended the Spring Horse Show, given by Cressmount Stables at Mills College on Sunday, 4 March.

Some of the patients were invited to participate in the events and they came home loaded with awards. Gene Ware, SN, of 65B, was given a box of candy for his agility in mounting an unsaddled horse, while Pfc. John Telford, USA, of 43B, was judged the best rider. In other events, Sgt. Lester Halsey of 81B, Charles O'Connell of 80B, and J. L. Tow, SN, of 80A, walked away from the show sporting ribbons awarded for horsemanship.

Another show of fine horses and horsemanship will be given at the end of April, according to Miss C. V. Dress, sponsor of the show, which was given as a benefit for Oak Knoll.

Jewish Chaplain Paul Steinberg will be aboard every Saturday afternoon. For appointment call the chaplain's Office by Saturday noon.

Sgt. Smith Gives His Views On Red Cross

\$494 Given In First Week of ARC Fund Drive

A few of the many ways Red Cross benefits the GI are told in the following simple yet eloquent testimony of SGT Horace U. Smith, patient on Ward 42A:

"While serving with the Marines in Korea I received an injury in my leg from flying sharpnel. I was taken to the battalion aid station where my hemorrhages were stopped, shock combatted, my wounded leg dressed and I was given blood. Up to the present time I have received 47 pints of blood through the Red Cross."

Smith goes on to say:

"Upon our arrival in Japan by plane, Red Cross ladies met us at the airport with a cheery 'hello' in good old American voices. It was good to hear them and be able to sip the good hot 'java' that they handed us. I was exhausted and was ordered to have complete bed rest. Later I was told that my right foot would have to be amputated. I awakened hours later from a sedative and found a woman in a Red Cross uniform bending over me asking me if there might be something that I wanted. I was most anxious that my mother know that I was alive and in a hospital in Japan, so I asked the lady if she would write a letter home for me. She returned with cigarettes for me and wrote my mother. After the amputation when I was feeling better, the Red Cross brought some entertainment to the ward. It was a judo act, and it was the first time I had seen Japanese perform their difficult holds; the Red Cross also served cookies and soft drinks.

"I was told a week later that I was to be evacuated to the States for my recovery period. I wanted to bring a gift back for my mother and made mention about it to the Red Cross worker that afternoon when she visited our ward. One of the patients said to me, 'Why don't you ask that Red Cross lady to get something for you at the Ships Service?' So I did, and the next day a cart was wheeled onto the ward with all types of souvenirs made in Japan. I bought several and the Red Cross lady wrapped and mailed them home for me.

"I am now a patient at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Oakland, and my morale is high with the constant aid of the Red Cross services during my convalescent period as an amputee patient."

As the Oak Leaf went to press,

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Dr. Leonard Barnard, left, presided Monday night when members of the East Bay Orthopedic Study Club held its monthly scientific meeting here. Hosts for the evening were Captain S. S. Cook, Commanding Officer; CDR C. R. Carr, Head of the Orthopedic Department, pictured here with Dr. Barnard; and members of the orthopedic staff.

Fifty-five civilian and Navy "orthopods" turned out for dinner at the Club and for the program which followed. Captain J. L. Zundell and LCDR Frank W. Cleary presented a discussion of "Bone Tumor Problems"; Dr. Carr reported on a group of "Problem Cases"; LCDR G. C. Beattie discussed "Open Flap Amputation"; and CDR H. A. Streit talked of "Personal Experiences in Korea." All doctors on the program are members of the orthopedic staff with the exception of Captain Zundell, who is Head of the Department of Pathology.

Special Catholic, Protestant Services Planned In Observance Of Holy Week

The following is a schedule of both Catholic and Protestant services to be held during Holy Week, 18 March to 25 March, 1951.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Palm Sunday, 18 March: 0615, Blessing of Palms; 0630, Mass in Oratory Chapel; 0900, Mass in Large Chapel; 1215, Mass in Large Chapel.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday: 0645, Mass in Oratory Chapel; 1150, Mass in Oratory Chapel.

Holy Thursday, 22 March: 0645, Mass in Oratory Chapel; 2000, Holy Hour in Oratory Chapel.

Good Friday, 23 March, in Large Chapel: 1400 to 1500, Meditations on "The Seven Last Words of Our Lord"; 1900, Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross.

Holy Saturday, 24 March: 0600, Blessing of the New Fire, Blessing of the Paschal Candle, The Twelve Prophecies, The Litany of the Saints;

0700, Mass, Vespers; 1600 to 1800, Confessions in Oratory Chapel; 1900 to 2100, Confessions in Oratory Chapel.

Easter Sunday, 25 March: 0630, Low Mass in Large Chapel, Music by Station Choir; 0900, High Mass in Large Chapel, Easter Music by the Holy Redeemer College Choir; 1215, Low Mass in Large Chapel.

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Palm Sunday Service at 1100, 18 March.

Noon Devotions, Monday through Thursday at 1210—Devotional talks on the "Seven Last Words of Jesus."

Maundy Thursday, Devotions and Holy Communion at 1900.

Services on Good Friday at 1215, and 1300.

Easter Day services at 1030. Special music will be given before the sermon.

All Protestant services will be held in the station Chapel.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"Can You Let Your Conscience Be Your Guide?" Scripture: Luke XXII: 52-62, "I know him not . . ."

Simon Peter had been a fisherman. He left his nets to become a disciple of Jesus but it took time and perseverance to make him a real Christian. His name meant "shifting sands" and his character proved it to be a good nickname.

At times he seemed firm in faith as when he declared, "To whom shall we go; thou hast the words of Eternal Life," or his statement "Thou art the Christ," but he had a shifting faith.

When he was challenged at the trial and accused of being a follower of the Christ he denied he even knew Him. Somehow the guilt of that denial and the later events of Golgotha stirred the best that was in Peter and he at last mastered his soul. He became a rock of faith and an example of loyalty and courage.

Can you pay the price of your faith? Are you proud of your religious convictions, proud enough to publicly live by their precepts, or is your religion something you have hidden away from public view to use only if personal disaster befalls you?

Is your conscience properly trained to guide you or will you fail to have the strength of character to back up inner convictions?

Are you following the all-too-often way by making the same mistakes over and over again?

The answers to these three all-important questions is possible when you have mastered your fears and doubts; when you have trained your conscience through prayer and study of truth; when you have conquered personal selfishness and pride. The true battle against sin is won long before you actually face the temptation itself in private nurture on spiritual food and in devotional absorption of Sacred Truth.

J. A. WHITMAN

Protestant Chaplain

Turning The Leaves

Three novels you shouldn't miss this week are Philip Wylie's *DISAPPEARANCE*, W. E. Barrett's *THE LEFT HAND OF GOD* and JACKSON MAHAFFEY by Fred E. Ross.

Wylie has nothing new to say on religion, sex or philosophy, but the plot and ingenious detail of his book make quite a tale. Read it if you want to find out what happened when

every human female and also every human male disappeared at exactly 4:05 on a February afternoon.

If it's robust characters you like in your stories, JACKSON MAHAFFEY is just the man you want to read about. Jackson hails from North Carolina, and is known for his fists, love of cock-fighting, drinking, and shrewd bargaining. He meets Molly at a prayer meeting and is tamed temporarily, but spring rouses his blood, and he renews his old interests with the added determination of becoming state senator. A good masculine novel.

You will have no trouble keeping interested in another good novel which we highly recommend. W. E. Barrett's *THE LEFT HAND OF GOD* is the story of Jim Carmody and the predicament he finds himself in when he impersonates a dead mission priest to escape from a Chinese war lord. He further complicates matters by falling in love with Anne Scott, the nurse at the mission.

Some interesting additions can also be found on the non-fiction shelves. Among them are the *INFORMATION PLEASE ALMANAC, 1951 EDITION*, Arthur Mizener's biography of Francis Scott Fitzgerald (*THE FAR SIDE OF PARADISE*) and Richard Kraus's *SQUARE DANCES OF TODAY*.



Pal, the mathematical wizard and talking dog, entertains patients in the Red Cross Lounge. Pfc. Robert E. Dixon of 42B asks the questions as T. Robson (owner of the dog) extracts the answers. Also enjoying the fun are Pfc. Melvin Colvin, USA, of 42B, C. E. Wilson who sponsors the Sportsman Shows, Lucy O'Neill, Red Cross Recreation Worker, and William Patton, a civilian.

Red Cross Ramblings

THE PARISIENNE

A member of the French Navy, Emile Merchandise, 1st Class Helmsman, was recently admitted to Ward 60A at this hospital. Since his knowledge of the English language is limited and his fellow patients' knowledge of French is the same, Mrs. Alice Lingert, our adaptable French instructor from Oakland, visited him and found him most receptive for learning English. While she was sitting at his bedside conversing with him at a rapid rate, he told her that he was most anxious to interpret to her his impressions of our hospital and the customs of our country. Her interesting observations were that Emile thinks "the doctor's services and the size of the Naval Hospital are impressive. The courtesy of the Americans is overwhelming, and of the American girls—they are friendly, not timid; they are most interested in Paris, the styles and perfume shops." Emile was taken ill while his ship, the SS Kabyle, was in port at San Francisco.

CAL GIRLS ARE BACK

Several wards will again be in time for a part of the fun when co-eds from the University of California are hostesses on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The charming and vivacious young ladies are recruited through the campus Y.W.C.A. center and after adequate orientation they assist in ward parties planned by our Red Cross workers. We'll be seeing ya soon!

A TISKET, A TASKET

Everytime a Red Cross Gray Lady approaches a patient on a ward his inevitable first question is: "What have you got in the basket?" Gray Ladies don't really carry baskets just to be mysterious but because they are asked for such a variety of useful little items that, without a basket, they'd need as many hands as a Siamese goddess! Cookie baskets—cigarette and shaving cream and writing paper baskets—and, last but not least, the Craft Gray Lady baskets with leather, weaving, fly-tying, and other intriguing materials are regularly carried about the wards.

IT'S YOUR MOVE!!

Do you like to play chess? Maybe no, but would you like to learn? We have a Chess Club at the hospital, and the general idea is to start a tournament. Each member is given a rating, the person with the highest

rating being number-one man on the list. After playing a game or several games with another member, the scores are computed according to a chess chart which allows a handicap for less experienced players or beginners. It is possible for a mediocre player to win enough points for prize according to this system. At the end of each month, the total number of points scored by each member is computed, and the number receiving the most is awarded a prize.

At different intervals, member clubs from the community are expected to visit bed patients and give demonstrations on the wards. Mrs. Thompson, Red Cross recreation worker, is the coordinator of the club. Get in touch with the Gray Lady—Red Cross worker if you wish to be part or know the details. Beginners are invited—we'll show you the fundamentals.

BLUE RIBBON WINNER

All articles completed in the Craft Shop and on the wards by hospital patients and accepted for display at the 6th annual Garden and Home Show recently held in Berkeley won first place and a blue ribbon for their owner. Dwight Thietten, SKN, Ward 47A, won first place for his model of the "Cutty Sark," pictured recently in *The Oak Leaf*. He is considered by the experts and judges in the field of model building to be an outstanding piece of work.

LIKE TO FISH???

The trout will soon be running in the season opens the end of April in this vicinity. Are you a fishing enthusiast? Dust off those waders and your fishing gear for the opening of the season. Mr. Carl Robinson of the Berkeley Sportsmen's Club will give a demonstration of fly-tying at the Red Cross Craft Shop Monday evening, March 19, from 7:00 to 9:00. He will teach you how to tie the most intricate type of fly and come over.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
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FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY
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DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1150
Confessions before Mass
LENTEN DEVOTIONS:
FRIDAY 1900
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
CHAPEL & 40A
NAVY RELIEF OFFICE — 40A

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 1000
in Staff Conference Room,
Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
upon request to the Chaplains' Office

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE: More washing machines in the Barracks—maybe a drier, too—a continuously moving chow line—more national holidays.

STUFF 'N STUFF: Verla Ashby is another salty Wave who wants to taste foreign cuisine. She can't wait to go overseas. Verla says she's seen enough wars from this side of the fence—X-ray has a new girl, Chief Pauline Lemich.—Haven't heard anything lately about Chief Katie Robinson's fishing "expeditions"? Guess she has a new ruse.—Gordon Hinchberger and Edwina Manning are closer than tincture of benzoin and adhesive tape.—Staff Personnel has a new Tom. Rosabelle, youngest sister of the Legal Office's "Maggie" Tom.—Jean Bernard is going to swap the clatter of a typewriter for the yelps of a new born babe.—Dental Chiefs Harris and Pierpoint will be basking in the sunny climes of Florida shortly. Isn't that where a large palm leaf and white hat is the uniform of the day?—Cecil Lockwood has taken over the library detail evenings. He's the third book-stamper in one month.—Jean Baptiste Fontenot has been getting a lot of practice in his native tongue, French. We've had a couple of French swabbies in and out lately and he's been doing the interpreting.—Disbursing's Lillian LeViera will trip to the altar in the near future.—Who'd ever think that a civilian would leave the glamorous and elite Navy for another branch of the service. Well, it happened. Eleanor Freeland transferred to the Marines and Thea Odson to the Army. They'll be sorry! P&A's Wilma Turner blossomed out with a diamond ring that looks as though it was hatched by an ostrich. Who's the millionaire?—Blonde Dotty Donnelly, one of our telephone operators, has no time for dates. She's too busy listening to her huge classics collection or else she's hopping to all the ballets in town.—Do you like girls with cars? Pick up the phone and ask for Operator Billie Rigg; she has a beautiful new Pontiac.—Be sure to read "The Navy's Men of Mercy" in the March issue of *Coronet*. It will inflate your chest by yards.—Al Morini and Jim Hill have taken up roller skating to while away the months until they're 21.

In Praise of Oak Knoll Food

March 2, 1951
SOQ 68-A

Dear Admiral Cook:

This is a personal note to express our appreciation for the fine quality of the food served at this hospital.

In our limited experiences with Naval hospitals, we believe your hospital's food and its services excel all others.

Very respectfully,

Dan R. Klinger,

LT, USNR

Kerry W. Mulligan,

LTJG, USNR

Executive Officer's Note: Anybody who compliments hospital food should surely make the Oak Leaf!

"Freshmen" Make Hit In Knoll Show

One of the finest musical aggregations in the country graced the stage of the auditorium last Thursday evening, when the Freshman Quartet from Fack's Club across the Bay, came to Oak Knoll with a fine group of entertainers. These boys, famous as Capitol and M.G.M. recording stars, include Ross Bardour on drums and trumpet, Don Bardour, guitar, Bob Flanagan on bass and trombone, and Hal Kretzschel on bass, trumpet, and French horn. In the vocal spotlight were the boys as a quartet doing "Dry Bones," Ross Bardour's rendition of "After You've Gone," and Hal Kretzschel singing the all time favorite, "Laura."

The clever emcee of the show was Mr. Tom Spinoza, president of Stern Music Company and the Cavalier Recording Company. Outstanding is the word for his presentation of the new "Cable Car Song" of San Francisco. He was ably assisted by Miss Vicki at the Hammond organ, who came here from the Gold Room in San Francisco's Fox Theatre Building, and Mr. Billy Chinn at the piano.

Later in the program Mr. Spinoza presented LT R. L. Thompson, Welfare and Recreation Officer, with a big stack of records and sheet music for the boys here at Oak Knoll. These were presented with the compliments and good wishes of Stern Music Company and Cavalier records.

The Freshmen from Fack's, Miss Vicki, Billy Chinn, and Tom Spinoza scored another hit in the series of United Shows Alliance "Salute to Top Fighting Men" shows. It is hoped they can arrange to visit the hospital again in the near future.

Officers' Wives to See Round-the-Clock Fashions

Round-the-clock fashions will be on display at the Officers' Club Wednesday at 1:30 when the Officers' Wives' Club holds its March meeting.

Dresses and play clothes from Julia's Shop, Pelton Shopping Center, San Leandro, will be modeled by members of the club, and a tea will follow. Mrs. Robert S. Poos is chairman for the event.

CPO'S to Honor St. Pat By 'Wearin' o' the Green'

The dance of the month will be held at the C.P.O. Club on 17 March in honor of the patron Saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick. The music for the occasion o' the wearin' o' the green, will be furnished by Niles Kenney and his popular Bay Area music makers.

Dancing will be between the hours of 2100 and 2400 with a buffet supper set for 2030.

Chiefs Wives Organize

There will be a luncheon and meeting of all staff Chief Petty Officers' wives at the C.P.O. Club at 1330 on Wednesday, 14 March. The meeting is for the purpose of organizing a C.P.O. wives club at Oak Knoll Hospital.

Meet Hugo of Chabot C. D. X.

One of the more celebrated celebrities associated with Oak Knoll Hospital is Mr Hugo of Chabot C.D.X. Hugo recently stepped into the spotlight when he appeared on the cover of National Specialty Magazine of October, 1950, and later appeared with the drill team at the Oakland Kennel Club Show.

Hugo is a three and a half year old English bulldog and is the proud owner of Fritz H. Anderberg, HMC, of the Physical Evaluation Board. Chief Anderberg and Hugo made their television debut last night on the Burgermeister Sports Telecast, where Hugo put Chief Anderberg through his paces of drills and obedience exercises before an appreciative audience. Hugo and Chief Anderberg both received their training under the able supervision of Mr. Joe Simpson, director of training at the Oakland Kennel Club. Mr. Simpson also trained them for the drill demonstration used at the Oakland Dog Training Club Show.

Our distinguished English friend is the only living bulldog in the United States to receive a C.D.X. (companion dog excellent) degree, the second obedience degree issued by the American Kennel Club and very unusual for a dog of this type. He is essentially a ham actor at heart. During the drill and obedience exercises he manages to give his demon-



strations some special twist to delight the hearts of any audience.

Hugo's favorite recreation is to sit in a bright red wagon, which was given to him for Christmas and on which is painted his name, and wait for someone to come along and take him for a ride. At this time he is in seventh dog heaven. It might be a good suggestion for Hugo to bring Chief Anderberg around the hospital sometime to show off the results of some fine show training.

WELCOME AND FAREWELL

Twenty-three new staff members were received aboard while fifty-three were detached during the week of 27 February through 5 March.

Reporting aboard were CDR W. S. Francis, from FMF, Pacific Troops, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; CDR H. A. Streit, from FMF, Pacific Troops, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; LCDR J. W. Birss, 1701st Medical Group, 1701st Air Transport Wing, Continental Division, Air Force Base, Great Falls, Montana; LTJG's J. B. McVeigh, and A. W. Melser, from Naval Dental School, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.; LTJG R. Johansen, from Letterman Army Hospital, Presidio, San Francisco, Calif.

LTJG P. E. Nordin, from Fifth Army, 5022d ASU, U. S. Army Hospital, Camp Carson, Colorado; LTJG's N. D. Muleahy, H. C. Behla, R. L. Jordan, D. W. Haege, Inez L. Armstrong, H. H. Bartholomew, Marie T. Janosky, and W. W. Hoffman, from inactive duty; R. E. Rampton, HMI, E. O. Sumner, HM2, and HM3's F. O. Wood, W. J. Feeney, and H. W. Williamson, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; L. E. LaGrange, HM3, from General Line School, Monterey, Calif.; G. A. Robfogel, HM3, from U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif.; and R. K. Birkinshaw, HA, from U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, California.

Detached were HMI's G. C. Bowers, E. E. Rothberger, and C. G. Cabeen, to Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.; R. L. Copes, HMI, to Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, Calif.; M. F. French, HMI, to Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Miramar, Calif.; F. C.

Galloway, HMI, to Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif.; J. D. Williams, HMI, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; FFT; HM2's H. R. Poulson, and J. D. Harris, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; W. D. Hinkley, HM2, to Naval Air Base, Coronado, Calif.; W. O. Hoyne, HM2, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Illinois; HM3's R. E. Thompson, J. W. Weires, and D. M. Martin, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; Virginia R. Ervin, HM3 (W), to Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif.; R. D. Mayfield, HM3, to Naval Shipyard, Mare Island, Calif.; W. D. MacFarlane, HM3, to U. S. Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.

HM3's R. A. Springer, J. E. Larson, and B. R. Reeves, and HN's F. E. Stewart, J. L. Rock, E. O. Foster, and J. Blackledge, to FMF, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; HN's R. M. Coates, R. Cameron, and T. E. Brooks, to Naval Air Base, Coronado, Calif.; HN's D. L. Rutemeyer, D. A. Morrison, J. F. Jones, and W. H. Hinton, to U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif.; HN's J. R. Whittaker, and C. L. Arnold, to Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif.; R. F. Izquierdo, HN, to Port Hueneme, Calif.; G. G. Carrillo, HN, to Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, Calif.; HN's W. B. Anderson, W. H. Corey, R. M. Shoemaker, W. S. Sellers, L. J. Phelps, M. D. Kyzer, A. L. Johnson, A. J. Hanson, J. S. Forbush, R. L. Bates, J. W. Bennett, M. L. Crotzer, Jr., D. J. Davis, and B. L. Diehl, and HA's J. A. Faulkner, and O. Yurralde, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; J. A. Miller, HA, to Com 14; and R. A. Ludden, HA, to Air Force Base, Fairfield, California.

Three Weeks to Go In Red Cross Drive

(Continued from page 1)

Chaplain Wallace reported that about one half of the staff has been contacted and that receipts total \$493.98 with the campaign being a little over one week old. This amount, gratifying because of the promptness with which it came in, is still far short of the hospital's share in the nation-wide drive for \$85,000,000, the amount necessary to assure continuance of the humanitarian organization's many services during the year.

Chaplain A. T. Wallace, who heads the Oak Knoll fund drive, urges that you give, give now and generously to one of the following

members of the staff who have been appointed to receive your gift:

CDR G. M. Lynch, CDR J. W. Thomas, LCDR, G. C. Beattie, LTJG R. D. Bartholomew, LTJG Francis Marshall, and LTJG W. W. Benefiel, all Medical Corps Officers; LCDR M. P. Huber, Medical Service Corps Officers; LT Pearl Houska and LT Patricia Rowe, Nurse Corps Officers; J. E. Harris, L. G. Estes, L. L. Linse, HMC's; R. L. Copes, M. L. Bournonville, and A. C. Latham, HMI's; R. D. Allen, HM2's; I. E. Bristow, C. R. Smith, and V. Turri, HM3's; J. W. Bennett, E. Estrada, and E. C. Pressnall, HN's; Mrs. L. Nath, American Red Cross; Mrs. Louise Kinner, T. R. Newsom, A. Robinson, E. Swintson, and R. D. Fredenburgh, civilians.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

25 February
QUERUBIN, Teddy Michael, to wife of Teddy Querubin, SD1, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
HALL, Gary David, to wife of Dewey Hall, M/Sgt., 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

26 February
MEYER, Earnest Jan, to wife of Earnest Meyer, ADC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
KENDALL, Richard Gary, to wife of Bent Kendall, M/Sgt., 5 pounds, 14 ounces.
MARTIN, girl, to wife of Philip Martin, BM3, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
STAUDT, John Winthrop, to wife of Elbridge Staudt, LT, 11 pounds, 4 ounces.
WEBB, Randy Harold, to wife of Harold Webb, QM1, 9 pounds, 8 ounces.
ROSE, Candice Ann, to wife of Billy Rose, CS3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
HESTER, Patricia Ann, to wife of George Hester, SN, 7 pounds.
THOMAS, Barnard Scott, to wife of Lewis Thomas, QM2, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
CONNAUGHY, Betty Jane, to wife of Lawrence Connaughy, SK1, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
STIRNWEISS, girl, to wife of Andrew Stirnweiss, LTJG, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

27 February
GUYNES, Cherie Lucille, to wife of Richard Guynes, BM2, 5 pounds, 3 ounces.
BEYTHAN, Sharon Kay, to wife of Gene Beythan, EN3, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
BIRGE, Gail Marie, to wife of Elzie Birge, PN3, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
WESTENBERG, John Clarence, III, to wife of John Westenberg, Jr., 8 pounds.
MILLS, Susan Ann, to wife of Robert Mills, AT1, 7 pounds.
STALEY, John David, to wife of David Staley, LCDR, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
HAMRA, Philip Muschell, to wife of Philip Hamra, YNSN, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
BURNS, Jim Jon, to wife of Orval Burns, TMC, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
HOOTS, boy, to wife of Kenneth Hoots, ETC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

28 February
IRVINE, girl, to wife of Willis Irvine, LTJG, 4 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces.
PARADISO, Patricia Jean, to wife of Alfonso Paradiso, CS1, 7 pounds.
BOULIER, Patricia Louise, to wife of James Boulter, CS2, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
SCHNEIDER, James, to wife of Vernon Schneider, LTJG, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
ALLEN, Tyne Ann, to wife of Harry Allen, SD2, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
GREGOIRE, Raymond William, to wife of Louis Gregoire, Pfc., 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

1 March
DENYER, boy, to wife of Samuel Denyer, HMC, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
ELLIS, Paul Vincent, to wife of William Ellis, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
TAYLOR, Donald Clark, II, to wife of Donald Clark Taylor, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
GONNASON, Kim Lawrence, to wife of Warren Gonnason, 1st Lt., 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

2 March
COX, Beverly Ann, to wife of Henry Cox, TD1, 7 pounds.
MUSGRAVE, Betty Ann, to wife of Charles Musgrave, CAPT, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
BARR, Mark William, to wife of Herbert Barr, AF1, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

3 March
SCHNEIDER, Margaret May, to wife of Walter Schneider, ChBos'n, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
DE HART, Kathryn Jean, to wife of Howard De Hart, FA, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
LONG, Kathleen Renee, to wife of Billie Long, DN, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
SIWEK, Robert Joseph, to wife of Andrew J. Siwek, BM3, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Two Knoll Wrestlers Enter 12ND Tourney

The grunt and groan artists will try their pugilistic skills on 14 and 15 March as the Twelfth Naval District Wrestling Tournament begins. So far Oak Knoll has two entries, James W. Briener, HN, from Kansas University, and L. S. Katz, from the St. Johns varsity wrestling team, but more are needed. Any man who feels that he is in good shape and ready for a bone-crushing session is invited to contact Athletic Director Reginato at the Welfare and Recreation Office.

Baseball Practice Will Begin Next Monday More Teams Needed For Keg Tourney

The great American game is again under way at Oak Knoll, with official baseball practice sessions beginning Monday, 12 March. Practices will be geared to the Starboard Watch only, and all erstwhile "Iron Men" are urged to contact Joe Reginato immediately to arrange transfer to the starboard watch.

Coach Reginato anticipates a fine team this year as he has his hands on some experienced players from last season plus an influx of college baseball enthusiasts being recalled to duty. Already lined up for play are Steve Tamborski, last season's impresario on the pitcher's mound; Charles Young, the flashy, fast-moving shortstop; and Bob Worsham, the valuable outfielder who snags 'em or busts trying. With these boys as the nucleus of a team, how can he go wrong?

The Twelfth Naval District Baseball League gets under way in April, so that leaves about a month for practice. In addition to this, the practices cannot be held every day. If you are interested in playing on the station team or have experience, get in touch with Coach Reginato immediately in the Welfare and Recreation Office.

Correction to "Naval Reservist"

The following was received as a correction to "Naval Reservist" of February, 1951.

"Delete the answer to question 14 on page 3, and substitute the following:

"Members of the Armed Forces of the United States, while in the active service are eligible for National Service Life Insurance as provided by the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1950, as amended. All former members of the Armed Forces who have had active service between 8 October, 1950, and 2 September, 1945, both dates inclusive, are eligible for National Service Life Insurance at any time upon application, payment of premiums, and satisfactory evidence of good health (medical examination)."

Commanders A. L. Schultz, B. I. Kahn, and H. S. Colony were elected corresponding members of the San Francisco Neurological Society when that group met at Del Monte on 19 February.

Chicago (AFPS)—Eugene Hale was knocked down by a truck. As he picked himself up, the driver stepped out of the truck and hit Hale, knocking him down again. "That will teach you to get in the way of my truck," the driver shouted—and drove off.

Announcement was made yesterday of a new intra-hospital bowling league to be inaugurated as soon as enough teams are entered. So far only three teams have signed up for the tourney. They are: Women Dependents, Artificial Limb Department, and the Chiefs' Team No. 1.

The league must have six teams to function properly, and if this quota isn't reached the entered teams will be split into mixed teams consisting of one man and one woman from each team. This will be done only as a last resort to insure proper competition among the bowlers entered.

CPO's No. 1 and X-ray, winners of their respective leagues in the bowling tourney just ended, battled their way through a play-off series during the week. However, results were not received in time for this issue of the paper.

District Golf Tourney Will Begin Next Week

The familiar cry of "fore" will soon be ringing down the fairways at Lake Chabot as the Oak Knoll golfers prepare to take on all opponents in the 12th Naval District Golf Tourney. The tournament, originally scheduled for last week, has been postponed until 14, 15, and 16 March. The play-offs at Oak Knoll Hospital will start 9 April and continue until they are finished.

Gracing the hospital entries this year will be LT Bob Ware, CAPT G. H. Ekblad, CDR Milton Kurzrok, and Willie Jefferson, HN. LT Ware has been a consistent point-maker in the district and in 1948 was runner-up in the tournament. Jefferson, a new golfer here at Oak Knoll, has shown his ability by playing consistently in the low 70s. Although this is his first tournament, he is expected to make a good showing.

Intra-Hospital Softball Play to Start Soon

The intra-hospital Softball League will begin play just as soon as the good California "weather" returns. The league is to include both new and old teams, and at the end of play, one team will be sent to the Twelfth Naval District Softball Tournament to be played later in the season.

All the old hands will remember the success of the Nurse's team last summer, and under the capable coaching of LTJG Dorothy Holtberg the team will participate in the Armed Forces Softball League this season.

Any departmental teams interested, or any individuals who like softball should contact Ray Moore in the Welfare and Recreation Office.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 11 March
KATON PASS—Doris Morgan, Frank Neal. DRAMA. If you feel you have the qualification to become a movie actor, this will be a good movie to attract attention. It is one of the very first shows of good entertainment.

Monday, 12 March
MA & PA KETTLE GO TO TOWN—Jorie Mann, Percy Kilbride. COMEDY. This is another in the famous Kettle series with the usual amount of good comedy. You enjoy laughing, you will like it. Very good.

Tuesday, 13 March
STROMBOLI—Ingrid Bergman, John Hodiak. DRAMA. Most everyone will remember the filming of this picture. It is the story of the filming is even better than the story in the film. The picture was made in Italy and the natural scenery is good. Many changes have been made since its entry into the U.S. but the story remains the same. Rated for all viewers.

Wednesday, 14 March
RIDING THE OUTLAW TRAIN—Charles Starrett, Smiley Burnette, W. E. R. Song and comedy enliven this western, the plot of which follows a well-known groove. Charles Starrett plays the part of the Durango Kid who finds it necessary to bring a large gang of criminals to justice. Smiley Burnette is his usual comical partner and adds his "help" in conducting the picture. Rated good by all reviewers.

Thursday, 15 March
A YANK IN KOREA—Lon McCallister, William Phillips. DRAMA. Columbia Pictures contribution to the growing number of films portraying the war in Korea. This picture follows the same lines as other of the same type, with McCallister performing many deeds of daring and becoming a hero. Although no big names are starred, the picture received a good rating from viewers.

Friday, 16 March
FATHER'S LITTLE DIVIDEND—Gene Tracy, Jean Bennett. COMEDY. Metro can prepare to take home a successful sequel to a successful picture. In this film, all the stars, as well as the familiar cast, all but reveal the highly-rated accomplishments of "Father of the Bride." The entire film rates as entertainment as it's all wonderful to see so true to life. Rated excellent by all viewers.

Saturday, 17 March
SHE WORE A YELLOW RIBBON—John Wayne, Joanne Dru. WESTERN. This is another of John Ford's famous epics. Released some time ago, it first became a box-office champion. John Wayne plays the part of an officer who is being retired but who leads his troops to victory in the final moment. His acting is outstanding and he is well supported by Miss Dru and Victor Mature. Rated excellent.

"Who introduced you to this wife?"
"We just met. I don't blame anybody!"

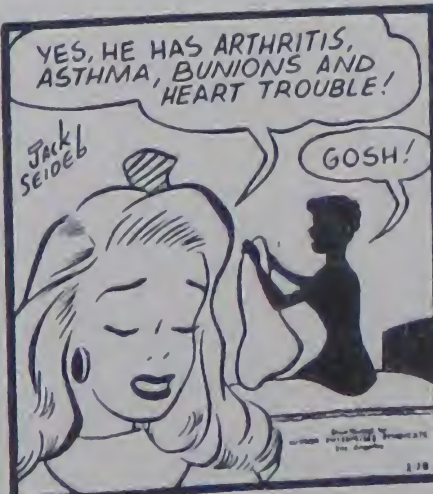
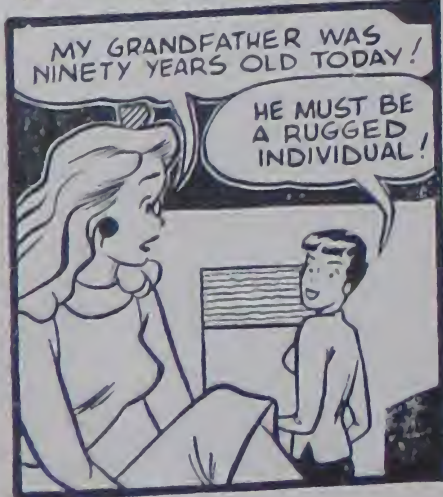
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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 17 March, 1951

New Assignment as DMO, 1ND, Awaits Captain Cook



Members of the off-watch and all who could be spared from their duties turned out Saturday morning to witness the ceremony at which Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, turned over the command of the hospital to his Executive Officer, Captain J. N. C. Gordon. Following the ceremony, Captain Cook, exchanged farewells with members of his staff.

Captain J. N. C. Gordon Takes Over Command of Oak Knoll

Pride, pleasure, sadness, and warm California sunshine were all very much in evidence last Saturday morning when Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, turned over his command to Captain J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, in special ceremonies held in Gendreau Circle.

Captain Cook spoke briefly to the staff, expressing deep regret at leaving Oak Knoll and referring to his work here as the biggest and best job he has had during his 34 years in the Navy Medical Corps. He thanked staff officers and enlisted personnel for the fine cooperation they have given him during the past two years and gave them credit for the many commendations the hospital has received from various agencies and individuals it has served.

Recently selected for promotion to Rear Admiral, Captain Cook has been assigned to duty as District Medical Officer, 1st Naval District, with headquarters in Boston. He and Mrs. Cook are now en route to the East Coast aboard the USNS WM. O. DARBY (T-AP-127). In leaving Oak Knoll they are leaving many friends aboard the station and in the Bay Area, where the Captain has been active in civic and community affairs.

In taking over his new duties, Captain Gordon brings to his new position a thorough knowledge of

the station and its needs as well as a wide background of experience in the Navy. After reading his orders to the staff Saturday, he expressed the hope that members of the staff will carry on with the same efficiency and devotion to duty that have been apparent during the months he served as Executive Officer of the hospital.

The new skipper was commissioned a lieutenant junior grade in the Navy Medical Corps in 1925 immediately after receiving his MD at the University of Cincinnati, and during the past 26 years has held a variety of assignments at sea and ashore. His hospital work, until recent years when he has held administrative positions, has been chiefly in the field of urology, in which he received specialized training in 1932 at Brady Institute, Johns Hopkins University.

In World War II he served as Senior Medical Officer aboard the USS Saint Mihiel and as Commanding Officer of Fleet Hospital 115 on Guam. During his tour of duty at that hospital from November 1944 to November 1945 the hospital processed 10,000 patients, including sick and wounded from Iwo Jima and Okinawa, and for his work in that assignment, he received the Bronze Star Medal.

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At the conclusion of the change of command ceremonies Saturday, Captain Cook and Captain Gordon wished each other luck and smooth sailing. For Captain Cook, promotion means a 6,060 mile voyage through the Panama Canal to the East Coast and Boston; Captain Gordon, a few steps up the hall to the office where he has already spent many hours in consultation.

The Oak Leaf

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Back in the last century when Napoleon was marching through Europe, he came upon a tiny town, Feldkirch, on the boundary of Austria. The Little Corporal ordered General Massena to take the town without delay. It was Easter Sunday morning as the townfolk made their way to Church when Massena and his soldiers were seen on the surrounding hills.

The town was in confusion. It was hopeless to resist the overpowering forces coming down upon it. One of the town's leaders suggested that an emissary be sent to the French with a plea for mercy.

When the debate was at its height in the town hall, the venerable pastor of the village arose and said: "My children, this is Easter Day. Don't you think that Jesus, who rose from the grave, can protect us in our trouble? Why not go to church, celebrate Easter as we usually do, and trust God for the rest?"

To Church they went, to the clamor of every bell in the town. The sextons had been ordered to ring them as long and as loudly as they always did on Easter. The people thronged the streets and crowded into the churches with the same gay triumphant spirit of every other resurrection day.

The invading French heard the jubilant bells. Surely the town must have news of the Austrian Army coming to their defense. An immediate retreat was ordered by General Massena, thanks to the Easter bells of Feldkirch.

The people of Feldkirch had every reason to despair. They were surrounded and outnumbered. They were helpless and tempted to say: "What's the use? There's no hope. Why celebrate Easter?"

Let us, however, follow the advice of the wise old pastor. Ring the bells. Celebrate Easter despite the danger and difficulty. Keep the feast of the Lord's Resurrection. Though final and complete victory seems far away, let us celebrate this feast of victory even in the midst of danger—for Easter is our only hope.

Of course, if we celebrate Easter with no thought of what it means, if we hear bells ringing, without knowing why they are ringing, if we strut in the Easter parade without a thought of Christ Who caused all this gladness, the Christ in Whose resurrection we rejoice, it's a mockery.

If Easter means no more than colored eggs, or some special feature at the movies, then certainly we have missed the point. This indifference to God, this ignorance and neglect of Christ—these are the real foes of America. As Washington so wisely warned: "The nation that forgot God has never been allowed to endure."

But if Easter is observed for what it is—a Feast of victory, the victory of Christ over death and sin, if Easter is a day of triumph, a promise of our own resurrection, then ring the bells. May their Easter joy echo in the heart of all our dear ones.

A. T. WALLACE
Catholic Chaplain

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY
1930—In Chaplains' Office—Ward 40A

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
0630 — 0900 — 1215
DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1150
Confessions before Mass
LENTEN DEVOTIONS:
FRIDAY 1900
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
CHAPEL & 40A
NAVY RELIEF OFFICE — 40A

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 1000
in Staff Conference Room,
Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
upon request to the Chaplains' Office

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Turning The Leaves

Aids in everyday living: Lift Up Your Heart, Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen; Peace Of Soul, Sheen; Three Minutes a Day, James Keller; Why I Know There Is a God, Fulton Oursler; The Bible and the Common Reader, Chase; The Catholic Pattern, Woodlock.

Sermons and prayers: Mr. Jones, Meet The Master, Peter Marshall; Modern Parables, Fulton Oursler.

Informal reading: The Little World of Don Camillo, Guareschi; Late Have I Loved Thee, Ethel Mannin; Keys Of The Kingdom, A. J. Cronin; Mary, Sholem Asch; The Big Fisherman, Lloyd Douglas; The Good Tidings, Sidney.

Biography and history: Our Lady Of Light, Chanoine Barthas; Saint Maria Goretti, Marie Buehrle; The Human Life of Jesus, John Erskine.

Red Cross Ramblings

HEARTS AND FLOWERS

Donald Griefe, Ward 60B, graciously shared his beautifully decorated birthday cake on Saturday, 10 March, with his pals on the ward. The gala occasion was Donald's 21st birthday. We know of no more important milestone in a young man's life, so we include felicitations.

WHERE AM I????

"I am sitting down to a supper of baked beans and brown bread and reading the account of the Red Sox baseball game in the Traveller." Where am I? Of course, the answer is Boston. Or this: "I am eating fried smoked fish and discussing the Viking ancestry of my host while the wind from the Arctic Circle howls outside." Where am I? The men on Ward 46A and B weren't quite sure if the answer was Iceland, but Ezra Cletcher, DGW2, Raymond C. Bennett, SN, and Harry Davis, SN, had their geography well enough in mind to impress the University of California hostesses who were promoting the quiz. Others coming up with high scores were R. H. McDonald, SA, L. J. Henderson, FCS, and Charles G. Coe, CS. With so many members of the fair sex flitting about, the corpsmen suggested that the answers should be in the "ethereal regions." When the young gals left the ward a disappointed patient said "goodbye" and silently said into his pillow, "Where am I?"

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Shure, Won't you come to our party?

You'll find a welcome that's hearty,
Come some e'en

Wearin' some green,

An Irish joke bring to the party.

As you all know, 17 March is St. Patrick's Day, the day when homage is paid to St. Patrick, who is said to have brought Christianity to Ireland about 450 A.D. St. Patrick, legends say, drove the snakes out of Ireland, brought darkness upon his enemies, and performed many other miracles. We will have parties on the wards this week commemorating the wearin' of the green.

How about finishing this Irish limerick:

A sailor on leave in Peru

Had a dream he was eating his shoe

He woke in the night

In a terrible fright

(You finish it).

CHESS MATES

A few of our aspiring chess players have had the pleasure of playing Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglas who come from Berkeley on Wednesday evenings to instruct bed patients in the game of chess. "No chess widows' evenings for me," declares Mrs. Douglas. Considerable interest in the game has been stimulated among the patients on Ward 74A. Hale, Campbell, Altman, and Beldin have begun instruction with this genial couple. How's about a tourney soon fellows?

WHISTLERS WHILE THEY WORK

Day after day, Ward 66B looks like a precision model ship workshop. The ship models done by Dr. John Liesuallen are masterpieces of detail. A launching is soon on it's way, the place to be the ward bathtub. LTJG Maurice Edwards prefers to employ his hobby time making plane models while LT John Caparosa specializes in train models. Several of the doctors use LT Caparosa as their consultant in the railroad hobby. His enthusiasm in this line has been pro-

Relations



Pictured above are Oak Knot Relation sisters, ENS Sylvia J. Relation USNR, 81B (right) and ENS Marie K. Relation, USNR, of 51A. Both nurses received training at S. Lawrence State Hospital School of Nursing, and received indoctrination at USNH, Newport, R.I. They reported aboard 8 February, 1951, and their home is in West Chazy, N.Y.

jected to the patients around him. But a warning—"It's a lot of fun collecting the various types of railroad cars to complete a collection, but it can be expensive."

SEASHELLS BY THE SEASHORE

We have reason to believe that some lovely pieces of shell jewelry will complement the Easter finery of friends of Robert Taylor, SD, who is a patient on Ward 46B. He finds the hobby of making shell jewelry fascinating, especially so when the shells come from nearby. Our Red Cross Craft Shop can supply you with kits to make assorted types of costume jewelry. Ask the Craft worker on your ward about this type of craft; it's lots of fun and you can make a lovely gift for your girl friend to wear with her new spring costume.

THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

A lot of men all over the country are looking forward to the May date, 1 May, and patients here at the hospital are no exception. The fishing bug is on the loose again at no amount of DDT can knock it out. Mr. Carl Robinson, of the Berkeley Sportsmen's Club, will come out to give a demonstration of fly-tying at our Red Cross Craft Shop on Monday evening from 1900 to 2100. Perhaps you would like to exchange some tales with him. Bring your ward with you.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

STUFF 'N' STUFF: Swimming star Al Zamsky took the final plunge and got married — Chief Jeannie Banks would make a good Bosn's Mate. Joe Schodl will vouch for that!—Larry Brown went skiing and tried the slope reserved for the "big" boys. The result was a sprained leg.—Wonder why Wilson Manuel won't let anyone see the books he reads.—Chuck Alsberg spent two unexpected and unusual days in San Diego. Ask him about it.—Courier XYZ reports that Willie Jefferson, our famous movie projectionist, is contemplating marriage. Until I see the marriage certificate, I won't believe it.—Some of the midwestern colleges such as Park, KCU, Mississippi, College of the Ozarks, KU, have enough of their graduates aboard this station to form local alumni associations.—Lanky Jim Shipp came back from leave in Georgia with the whole family.—Ray Babin spends his spare time collecting oriental teakwood pieces. He has a huge collection back in the Louisiana bayous.—Telephone operator Ethel Gray loves to eat, but has to subsist mainly on lettuce (Doctor's orders). It's getting so she can't stand the color green.—"Latin-Lover" Sanchez has a new attraction. He has so many, and so often, that I can't keep up with them!—Bob Carter is driving out to Oklahoma for a thirty-day rest.—K.U.'s gift to the sciences, Jim Crockett, plays a mean trumpet.—The Night corpsmen all agree on one thing. "Mom" Mullins serves a wonderful midnight chow.—It's been a long time since we've had a barracks MAA as popular as George Allen.—Stanley Miller was taken to a nearby dowager's mansion for cocktails recently.—Mark Lewis spent two hours on the phone the other evening. I don't know whether that's love or lunacy!!—Oak Knoll abounds in talent. We have professional dancers, radio announcers and writers, and lots of excellent amateur material. It's a pity some of these talents can't be put to work on a local talent show. It's always good to see your friends and shipmates perform.—Walt Wooden has been granted a BB degree (Bachelor of Bull).—Joe Cahill was sunning in Los Angeles last week end.—Art Davis and Bob Eisenman tried their luck in Reno. They didn't do so well.—Madcap parties at Berkeley draw Jim Grey.—Saw Hughes McBrearity and a pretty blonde at the plush St. Francis cocktail lounge.—Lucille Moore is wearing the MAA badge and belt at the Waves' Quarters these days.—BuMed sent Lacy Brewer a present last week. They made him a Dermatology Technician.—Ronnie Dieckman dreamed he was eating shredded wheat the other night. When he woke up, half the mattress was gone.—Bob Riley and the NP gang have taken to late liberty. They find the wee hours more entertaining.—"Muggsie" Mahoney is just a telephone girl at heart. She loves to work in the OOD's office amid the buzzing phones.

CHOW DOWN: Newcomers to the station are always asking, "Where is there a good place to eat?" We've done some investigating on both



Giving the boys a welcome surprise, June Allyson and Dick Powell came to Oak Knoll for a short tour through the wards. In the photo above Dick Powell discusses experiences with, left to right, CAPT S. S. Cook, Frank Albert, Cecil Finn, Ashley Benson, K. F. McGuire, and Donald F. Willis, in Ward 42B. Below, Miss Allyson gives her autograph to W. W. Sapetko as Miss Burnette Thompson, Red Cross Recreation Worker, E. N. Garcia, R. A. Harp, G. Lyon, and R. W. Cybilski look on.

CPO'S Wives Elect Officers in Meeting

At the first meeting of the C.P.O. Wives, held on 14 March, Marie Shields was elected president and Blanche Scott elected secretary of the organization. Virginia Anderberg and Phil Martin acted as hostesses for the luncheon. A business meeting was held to form the organization, and a luncheon and canasta session were included on the afternoon's schedule.

The next meeting will be held on 4 April, in the C.P.O. Club, with June Rose, and Eleanor Martin as hostesses.

sides of the Bay and we'll pass along our tidbits. Today's tip is Martin's Espanol Basque Restaurant on Broadway in San Francisco. Authentic Basque flavor is everywhere—from the aromas which float out from the kitchen to the waiters. We began with hors d'oeuvres, then served ourselves thick soup from a huge tureen. Tossed salad followed. —Next, steamed clams with rice (as

Famous Screen Stars Visit Hospital Wards

June Allyson and Dick Powell, stage, screen, and radio personalities, came aboard Thursday, 8 March, and toured hospital wards, accompanied by the commanding officer, Mr. Mahn of Hollywood, and Miss Burnette Thompson, Red Cross recreation worker. Wards which can boast of visits by the Powells are the patients of Wards 74A, 79B, 46B, and 42B, who all enjoyed talking with the famous Hollywood couple.

The Powells autographed everything from casts to dollar bills and Social Security Cards. As they entered all wards they were greeted by resounding applause and everyone had a big time as they enjoyed the charming personalities and good humor of the famous screen stars.

only the Spanish know how). Fried chicken, dessert, and demi-tasse. Guess how much that banquet cost for TWO. About four dollars and a quarter. Try it, and you'll like it!

"Duffy's Tavern" to be Presented at Dance

A few tickets are still available for the big "Duffy's Tavern and Dance" to be held Saturday, 31 March, 1951, at the Jenny Lind Hall, 2267 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. The National Federation of Federal Employees has cordially extended an invitation to all hospital personnel and their friends to attend.

The program will include "Duffy's Tavern," a comedy presented by the V.F.W. of San Mateo County, beer and pretzels, modern and folk dancing, refreshments and door prizes. The cost? Only 50 cents. Tickets may be purchased from any N.F.F.E. member.

CDR B. I. Kahn, MC, USN, spoke Wednesday night to members of the University of California Psychology Society on the subject, "Psychological Aspects of Scientific Escapist Literature."

The meeting was held in the Life Science Building on the Berkeley campus.



Memorabilia

Korea War

Forty-eight men who learned about California...

The take-off was by Navy town in Lake County a hundred load of casualties, some were into the local hotels and more group of three men was immediately fun began. There was food Lakeport housewives and hosts were hosts at cocktails and of the town; the midday whole town turned out. The haircuts if you needed them Lakeport, Lucerne, Nice, and...

Then, bringing a perfect to Clear Lake to fly the town made with jato assists, while bye—Come back!"

Much credit and many Lake County Chamber of cooperation of 12th Naval...



Lakeport

Like This

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U. F. Thompson, President of the
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 nation Offices.





Greeted by CAPT. S. S. Cook, Commanding Officer, as they took part in last week's "Salute" show were, left to right, Charlie Teagarden, Norma Teagarden, Gene Morris, of Lionel Hampton fame, Dick Morris, Sonny Jay, Paul Kelk and Bill Morris. Norma and Charlie Teagarden performed with Ben Pollock and his "Pick-A-Rib" Boys who were billed with Gene Morris and his music makers.

Famous Combos Give Show Here

The walls of the station auditorium rocked last week as two great musical Combos from across the Bay came to us via the United Shows Alliance "Salute To Top Fighting Men" series.

On deck first were Ben Pollock and some of the great names in musical show business, with a session of "Down South" music strictly in the Dixieland style. Ben and his band were voted the Top Unit of 1950 by many of the leading national music magazines. He will be remembered on records with the Capitol label as recording under the name of Ben Pollock and his "Pick-A-Rib" Boys.

Included in Ben's outfit were Norma Teagarden, piano; Charlie Teagarden, trumpet (brother and sister to the famous Jack Teagarden); Robbie Furnace on trombone; Bernie Miller, bass; and Phil Gomez on clarinet.

The haunting strains of "Royal Garden Blues," "Little Rock Get-away," featuring Norma Teagarden at the piano, the fine trumpet styling of Charlie Teagarden with "I Can't Get Started," all topped off by "At The Jazz Band Ball," went to show us why Ben and his band are among the top Dixieland units.

Then the cats and 'gators really started stompin' it up in the aisles as Gene Morris and his Combo began their portion of the show with a little clank brawl called, "Oh, Babe!" Gene, just fresh from a tour of duty with the famous Lionel Hampton, picked up his brother Richard to tickle the ivories; his younger brother, Bill, to make like Gabriel; Paul Kelk to bash the calfskins; and Sonny Jay to beat the bull fiddle.

Along with Morris and his group were the Kelly Sisters, better known as the Sweethearts of Entertaining. An old fashioned Can-Can number, and a Hawaiian number really brought the house down with applause from everyone. Stylizing just a little, Gene and the boys also played a fine George Shearing-like arrangement of "September In The Rain."

All the artists on last week's show came to us from Rafael's 150 Club in San Francisco and were under the auspices of the American Federation of Musicians Local No. 6 and 669.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

4 March

COPELAND, Janis, to wife of John Copeland, LT, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
SMITH, boy, to wife of Kenneth Smith, RMC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
TEMPLET, Glynn Kathleen, to wife of John Templet, BM3, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
BUSBY, Penny Lee, to wife of Marzelle Busby, EMP3, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.
LYNCH, Judith Anne, to wife of Robert Lynch, RM2, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.

5 March

KENNEDY, Robert Loren, to wife of David Kennedy, AKAN, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
NEELY, Wanda Joyce, to wife of Chris Neely, SC1, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
AUSTIN, Shirley Anne, to wife of Melvin Austin, S/Sgt., 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

6 March

ABBOTT, girl, to wife of Forrest Abbott, RM3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
MITCHELL, girl, to wife of George Mitchell, Pfc., 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
SOLDANO, Patricia Ann, to wife of Salvatore Soldano, Cpl., 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
WHEELER, Elliott Ray, to wife of Kenneth Wheeler, CDR, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

7 March

BAILEY, Pamela Ruth, to wife of James Bailey, OM3, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
ROSE, Frederick Frank, Jr., to wife of Frederick Rose, MM3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
SCHULTZ, Donna Lynne, to wife of John Schultz, FC1, 8 pounds.
PRICE, Michael Joe, to wife of Joe Price, AE2, 5 pounds.
PRICE, Stephen, to wife of Joe Price, AE2, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.

8 March

COLEMAN, Catherine Dorette, to wife of Johnny Coleman, AL1, 9 pounds, 8 ounces.
WOODBURY, boy, to wife of Orval Woodbury, YN1, 7 pounds.
MUNOZ, Juanita Rose, to wife of Pedro Munoz, Pvt., 7 pounds.
WELLS, Dale, to wife of Daniel Wells, LT, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
WARNER, girl, to wife of Ronald Warner, ENS., 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
SIMPSON, Geraldine, to wife of Bennie Simpson, SA, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
SMITH, Jimmy Dean, to wife of James Smith, EN2, 7 pounds.
WENDLER, Arnold John, to wife of Arnold Wendler, ET1, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

9 March

CUFFEE, Edith Jo, to wife of Josephus Cuffee, SKG2, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
VISTY, Pamela Jo, to wife of Boris Visty, SN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
JEPSEN, John David, to wife of John Jepsen, HN, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
TAYLOR, boy, to wife of Jack Taylor, Cpl., 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
KNAUFF, boy, to wife of George Knauff, WOELC, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
RAY, Margaret Ann, to wife of Joseph Ray, Pfc., 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

10 March

COLE, Robin Elaine, to wife of Malcolm Cole, AD1, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
BONI, William Martin, to wife of Kingston Boni, MM1, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
METCALF, Gale Ann, to wife of Gayle Metcalf, SN, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
MADDEN, Linda Marlene, to wife of James Madden, ET2, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
JACKSON, Janet Hazel, to wife of William Jackson, TN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
COLEMAN, Philip Shawn, to wife of Marion Coleman, BTC, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
MILLER, David John, to wife of Hans Miller, Cpl., 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
DUNN, Jero Lee, to wife of Donald Dunn, AO3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Navy Medics Promote Good Will in Egypt

Washington (AFPS)—Promotion of friendly relations between the people of Egypt and the United States is getting a decided "lift" from the U. S. Navy.

A report on the Navy's role in international relations is contained in the winter issue of "The Pacific Spectator," published by Stanford University Press. It tells of the work of U. S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 3.

The unit is engaged in basic research in the tropical and exotic diseases. One of its major projects is to control bilharziasis—the No. 1 African disease which is said to infest 92 per cent of Egypt's population.

Theory: A hunch with a college education.

Oak Knoll Doctor Now at Oak Ridge

LTJG Joe Robert Kimmel, former Ward 46A Medical Officer, is in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, studying the techniques of using radioisotopes in research.

He is among 32 scientists enrolled in the nineteenth of a series of one-month courses offered by the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies.

The Institute, comprised of 20 Southern universities, conducts a broad program of research, training and education in the nuclear sciences through a contract with the Atomic Energy Commission. The laboratories and facilities available to scientists in the program are among the finest of their kind for training in the world.

Radioisotopes are atoms which give off radiation and thus enable scientists, using a Geiger counter, to track them through complicated chemical and biological processes. As a result, radioisotopes have been called the most important research tool to be developed since the invention of the microscope.

Oak Ridge is the center of radioisotope production and training in this country. The most economical method for producing radioisotopes is to subject small quantities of an element to neutron bombardment in the uranium chain-reacting pile present at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Dr. Kimmel plans to use radioisotopes in thyroid studies. He received his bachelor's degree from DePauw University, was graduated from Johns Hopkins University Medical School, and is a candidate for the Ph.D. degree from the University of Utah.

Dr. Kimmel reported to Oak Knoll 8 October, 1950, and went to Oak Ridge 14 February this year. He and his family make their home at 1848 Milmar Blvd. in Castro Valley.



FROLIC

"California!"



To the two arms PFC Michael Ropczycki, USA, later lost as a result of mortar wounds, M/SGT Orvil L. Locklin, USA, gives the credit for saving his life after he was hit on 16 September in the fighting near Taegu, Korea.

Army Patient Meets Sergeant He Saved

A 1st Cavalry Division private first class who risked his life in Korea last September to go to the aid of his platoon sergeant, met that platoon sergeant at Oak Knoll last week.

Pfc. Michael J. Ropczycki, formerly a mortarman in Company A, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, saw M Sgt. Orvil L. Locklin—who was exposing himself to enemy fire to shout instructions to a mortar crew—get hit with mortar fragments on 16 September, while advancing on Hill 203, near Taegu, Korea.

Disregarding sniper fire and an intensive enemy light artillery barrage, Pfc. Ropczycki jumped out of his foxhole and went to the sergeant, to see that he was covered from further enemy fire, render first aid and check the flow of blood from wounds in both legs, the left shoulder and groin.

Sergeant Locklin thinks Pfc. Ropczycki's first aid saved his life.

The two men were brought together by members of the hospital's Army Liaison Section, who noted that both had been evacuated from the same unit and arranged a reunion.

Master Sergeant Locklin is being treated for the shoulder wound which has required extensive neurosurgery. Pfc. Ropczycki is a multiple amputee who lost both arms (one above and one below the elbow) when a mortar shell exploded between them as he hit the dirt 35 miles north of the 38th parallel on 1 November.

M/Sgt. Locklin lives in Seattle, Wash., at 2731 California Ave., with his wife, Mrs. Annie Locklin. Private First Class Ropczycki is a native of Oakland, Calif., and now lives with his wife, Patsy Jo, at 19857 Whelton Ave., Castro Valley, Calif.

Kansas City (AFPS)—Thousands of people stood in line for hours, rattled the doors on the Municipal Auditorium, and had to be held back by four husky doormen, in an effort to view a display. In the final count, 50,000 people filed through the auditorium. The display? African violets.

Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll's Personnel Offices were kept jumping again during the week of 7 March through 20 March as 132 new staff members reported aboard and 24 were detached.

Reporting aboard were LT Felicia Szajnar, and LTJG's G. S. Hannah, J. E. Crockett, and D. V. Mahony, from inactive duty; LTJG W. P. Benson, Jr., from 2d Army, 2108th ASU, U.S. Army Hospital, Camp Breckinridge, Ky.; LTJG's L. W. Greene, Jr., and D. W. Terry, from Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, Denver, Colo.; LTJG L. Gilland, Jr., from 5th Army, 5022d ASU, U. S. Army Hospital, Camp Carson, Colo.; LTJG G. L. Benson, 6th Army, 6003d ASU, U. S. Army Hospital, Ft. Ord, Calif.

V. Gambill, HMC, Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.; HMI's J. E. Batson, R. E. Gibson, C. Hewlett, C. C. Hammer, F. Collins, T. Burns, Jr., H. E. Barlridge, V. R. Bayles, J. B. Epps, H. G. Fromm, A. D. Ha'ey, M. R. Hoffer, A. J. Hurst, C. W. Kretzschmer, H. R. Ledeker, T. C. Lohnes, M. O. Young, and G. Griffith, from USNRS, Treasure Island, California.

HM2's W. Thompson, A. S. Black, F. A. Vandyke, W. H. Yawman, J. A. Winchester, W. Turner, Jr., R. D. Smith, M. Z. Canning, W. Simpson, M. E. Casey, and F. Cattolica, and HM3's H. C. Smith, J. S. Sanger, H. K. Fullmer, M. L. Aldana, C. B. Holm, S. Jacobsen, F. J. Wicks, B. G. Warfield, E. C. Walsh, A. H. Swegart, R. W. Sidener, W. S. Prewitt, R. W. Miller, R. S. McKinnon, B. Kirk, Jr., E. J. Kautz, B. L. Hayward, J. Gerk, Jr., G. E. Farfan, A. Coutts, M. B. Bevel, L. J. Beebe, A. D. Archuleta, C. L. Allen, D. W. Eisele, J. H. Bumpass, C. O. Scott, H. Redsun, A. Pedersen, J. S. Nash, and R. Monte, from USNRS, Treasure Island, California.

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HA's T. Ybarra, T. J. Wilkes, L. M. McDonald, W. E. Johnston, D. K. Hinds, D. A. Haskins, M. E. Hadley, G. D. Duffy, W. P. Craycraft, J. W. Coble, N. M. Webster, J. Visser, Jr., R. E. Tannehill, H. P. Sanders, K. L. Powell, R. W. Hall, S. T. Cox, and N. J. Benito, from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, California.

Detached were CAPT S. S. Cook, to ComOne; CDR. C. R. Carr, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md.; LCDR J. M. Bermel, to Naval Air Station, Whidby Island, Wash.; LT's Margaret M. Soto, Ada E. Shaw, and Dorothy F. Greenberger, to U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif.; LT Mary H. Ryzek, to OinC, Naval Recruiting Station, Los Angeles, Calif.; LTJG Esther C. Giffel, to inactive duty; ENS Virginia P. Fordan, to Dispensary, Naval Station, Kodiak, Alaska.



Captain J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, presented the Bronze Star Medal to PFC Kenneth John O'Dell, USMC, patient on Ward 77-B, and to LCDR Charles K. Holloway, MC, USN, of the hospital staff in special ceremonies held here Monday.

Staff Doctor, Marine Patient, Cited Here For Heroic Deeds In Korean War

A lieutenant commander in the Navy Medical Corps and a Private First Class in the Marine Corps received bronze star medals when special ceremonies were held in the Commanding Officer's office Monday afternoon.

LCDR Charles K. Holloway, who recently returned from Korea for his

second tour of duty on Oak Knoll's surgical service, was cited for meritorious service while serving as Battalion Surgeon with a Marine medical battalion from 3 August to 12 September. "His judgment, surgical skill, and meticulous post-operative care of the wounded set an inspiring example for those working with him and gave reassuring confidence to the wounded," the citation reads. It further states that he skillfully operated the larger part of four days and three nights without regard to personal fatigue and that it was through his "ingenuity, resourcefulness and ability that an almost complete shutdown of the surgical department was avoided."

Dr. Holloway was previously attached to the staff from 2 March 1949 to 8 July 1950. He and Mrs. Holloway claim Houston, Texas, as home, but they currently reside in Castro Valley with their two children, Charles K. III and Jean.

PFC Kenneth J. O'Dell, USMC, of Bay City, Michigan, was cited for heroic action on 28 November in North Korea. During an enemy attack, he left the safety of his position to aid in removing wounded Marines from the line of fire. He was wounded during this action but refused aid until all of the wounded had been evacuated.

At the same ceremony the Purple Heart was awarded to PVT J. C. Booth, Beeville, Texas; PFC E. B. Bumpus, Louisville, Ky.; PFC O. R. Clark, McClellandtown, Pa.; PFC J. E. Garcia, San Antonio, Texas; PFC G. A. Hayes, Fort Worth, Texas; PFC J. W. Kelley, Columbus, Ohio; PFC C. A. Payton, Alabama City, Ala.; CPL A. A. Pitts, Lepanto, Ark.; PFC Santiago Romero, Pena Blanco, N. M.; and CPL Clarence A. Wilson, Victoria, B. C., all Marines or Marine Corps Reservists.

She was just a golfer's daughter, she went around in as little as possible.

GIVE!

When the first American troops landed in Korea, a Red Cross field director was with them, and throughout the Korean war other field men continued to serve our fighting forces—providing emergency communications with their families, distributing comfort articles, offering guidance and cheering counsel . . . often working around the clock when the going was rough. With our expanding armed forces, more and more such workers are needed. Your contributions to the 1951 Red Cross Fund Campaign will help provide them.

Captain Gordon Now In Command

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Stateside tours of duty for the captain have been at Naval Hospitals, Chelsea, Mass.; Portsmouth, Va.; Bremerton, Wash.; Long Beach, Calif.; Pensacola, Fla.; and Memphis, Tenn.

Just before reporting as Executive Officer here 16 months ago, he had served as Fleet Medical Officer on the Staff of Admiral W. H. B. Blandy, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, with headquarters in Norfolk, Virginia.

At the close of the second week of the Red Cross Fund Drive here, \$633 has been collected. Chaplain A. T. Wallace, Chairman of the drive, also announced that contributions from several departments have not been counted at this time.

Milwaukee (AFPS) — A woman shopper has figured an angle to the parking problem. When going shopping, she drives into a garage to have her rear-view mirror adjusted and returns when finished with her shopping.

Bowling Tournament Begins Next Tuesday

The big date for the bowling tournament is 20 March, 1951, as Keglers from Oak Knoll prepare to tangle in the coming competition. The schedule for 20 March, will be as follows: In alleys 1 and 2—Record Office vs. M.A.A.; alleys 3 and 4—Artificial Limb Dept. vs. Nurses; in alleys 5 and 6—C.P.O.'s vs. Physio Therapy Dept. The second round on 22 March, will feature in alleys 1 and 2—Women Dependents vs. Commissary Dept.; alleys 3 and 4—X-Ray vs. The Laundry; alleys 5 and 6—N.P. Dept. vs. The Night Crew.

The league will be of the round-robin type, in which the women will bowl under a handicap basis, and the rules will follow the American Bowling Congress Rules for Tenpins. Opposing captains will call all fouls, and legal substitution may be made after any one complete game. One (1) point will be scored for each game and one (1) point for total pins, making possible four (4) points per match. Each team will be required to pay its own expenses, fifteen (15) cents per line for practice and league games, and matches may be postponed only due to extreme emergencies, providing opposing captains are contacted prior to the scheduled match and are in agreement.

Order Speedy Cargo Ships to Outrun Subs

Washington (AFPS)—The U.S. has awarded contracts for the immediate construction of 25 fast cargo ships, capable of outrunning submarines.

The new Mariner class vessels will have speeds of more than 20 knots per hour, making them among the fastest cargo ships in the world. They also will be equipped with various defense features other than speed, such as facilities for carrying helicopters to help spot submarines.

A Seattle undertaker signs all his mail, "Eventually yours."

Oak Knoll Wrestler Takes Second Place

The 12th Naval District Grunt 'n Groan artists went through their paces in the 12th NavDist tourney yesterday. Two bone crushers from Oak Knoll, J. W. Briener and L. S. Katz both college wrestlers, participated. L. S. Katz brought the laurel wreath back to Oak Knoll as the runner-up in his weight division, and won a 12th Naval District award. Briener was eliminated in the first fall of his match, but only after a battle-royal with an experienced wrestler who was in the pink of condition. Both boys felt that because of the lack of opportunity to work out, that they were at a decided disadvantage.

In the Softball world, twelve players turned out for practice last Tuesday. Joe Reginato gives us the word that practices are still held for the Starboard watch and anyone interested in softball should make arrangements to be transferred to Starboard, with practices being held on Monday and Wednesday of next week. Twelve nurses turned out for softball practice to prepare for competition in the Armed Forces League under the able coaching of LTJG Dorothy Holtberg.

The biggest baseball turnout yet was noted last week as baseball practice got underway. About 30 men turned out for practice including some of the veteran players from last year. Joe Reginato tells us that the Knollites will be at a great disadvantage this year because all the other teams in the Bay Area are already playing practice games, whereas the Hospital team will go directly into league play. However, with veteran baseballers like Tamborski, Young, Worsham and Johnson, plus material selected from 30 players, Joe should do all right with a team this year.

Free Admission!

The Downtown Theatre, at Mason and Ellis Streets in San Francisco, is extending the courtesy of free admission to all men and women of the Armed Services. Shows are every night, except Tuesday, at 2000 and 2130. Matinees on Saturday and Sunday at 1430.

Modern Girl, telephoning home at 3 a.m.: "Don't worry about me, Mom. I'm all right. I'm in jail."



Last Saturday evening's dance at the C.P.O. Club was highlighted by the celebration of three birthdays. In the photo above, Chief and Mrs. F. B. Anderberg prepare to cut his cake, while Mr. A. H. Scott, who also rated a cake, looks over their shoulders. In the background is R. L. Scott, BM, and Chief and Mrs. C. O. Martin. Also among those celebrating birthday Saturday was Claire Martini of the Record Office, who entertained the parents on the occasion.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 18 March
MOLLY—(Monroe) The Goldbergs. Gertrude Berg, Philip Love, Paramount has taken a famous radio and television family into the screen and produced another successful film. The entire cast used in the picture is the original. As per usual, many complications arise when Molly tries to run things the way she believes best. However, she straightens everything out to the satisfaction of all concerned, including the audience. Rated very good.

Monday, 19 March
MY FOOLISH HEART—Dana Andrews, Susan Hayward. This is a recent film for RKO with a rating of excellent. With two famous stars at their best, you will receive 90 minutes of good entertainment.

Tuesday, 20 March
UP FRONT—David Wayne, Tim Ewell. No information available on this one.

Wednesday, 21 March
ROUGH RIDERS OF DURANGO—Alan Ladd, Aline Towne. This is another western with plenty of excitement for everyone. It is the story of a sheriff trying to save the farmers in his area from big jackers. With Ladd's help they succeed in finding the brutes behind the gang, and in a fast chase

bring the criminals to justice. Rated very good.

Thursday, 22 March
BETTYE LE GRAND—Vera Ralston. Carroll Vera Ralston is the owner of a luxurious gambling establishment. She previously married a card sharp who was involved in a murder. After serving a year term in prison, she founded the mentioned gambling house. She has shares in a mine owned by John C. Ralston, an old prospector. The venture is extremely profitable. Carroll's enemy runs him out of the territory. For Ralston, who finds that the enemy is a dishonest man, forces him to back down. The usual quota of romance, action, and drama. Carroll and Vera Ralston are really good.

Friday, 23 March
AIR CADET—Stephen McNally, Gale Sonderling. The entire process of training a pilot is shown in this picture. An Air Force pilot is graphically traced in this picture. The story of four young men who are in the Air Force for various reasons. Air enthusiasts will enjoy the film as it shows everyone in these times the importance of a strong Air Force. It is played up. A new release with no information available.

Saturday, 24 March
FRANCIS—Donald O'Connor, Frances Bagnard. This is a recent Paramount release with a rating of excellent.

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Spring Comes To Oak Knoll

Spring was ushered in this week with a series of pre-Easter parties and outings that resulted in a lot of fun and this page of snapshots. (1) On 74A the old saying "Too many cooks spoil the broth" was proved to be a fallacy when Pvt. G. W. McCleese, USA, CPL Richard King, USMC, and M/SGT G. A. Reilly, USMC, consumers, W. T. Sherriff, MMI, USN and T/SGT J. Marszalec, USA. (2) Dyeing and decorating eggs was sport for William Leonard, MML3, USN, Nievas Nevarez, AN, USN; Kaye Stewart, ARC; CPL Joe Selton, USMC; PFC Louis Grammer, USMC; SGT Horace U. Smith, USMC; PFC Robert McNally, USMC; PFC James D. White, USMC; and Miss Kathryn Stewart of Red Cross collaborated on a batch of delicious waffles. Kibitzers are CPL Troy Brown, USMC, and Lucy O'Neill, ARC. (3) The latest creations from Paris? No, just their own handmade hats on the heads of CPL Werner Reininger, USMC; SGT John Christiansen, USMC (prize winner). The feminine touch was added by Miss Helen Schmeel and Miss Gene Gerred, Gray Ladies. (4) Arriving at Sequoyah Golf Club, CPL Amado Garza, USMC; PFC Donald Cutlip, USMC; and PFC James Cogley, USMC, disembarked from the 1910 Model Ford, while Mrs. Helen LeDex, Red Cross Gray Lady, watches the procedure. (5) More Easter bonnets—these made and worn by SGT Smith, SGT Christiansen, PFC Leonard Duffy, and CPL John R. Newkirk. Recreation workers Kaye Stewart and Lucy O'Neill are the assistant milliners. (6) Trout season will soon be on, and patients are busy preparing for the big day. Making flies with the able instruction of Carl Robinson, Hayward High School teacher, and Ray Bartelson, Castro Valley Rod and Gun Club, is PFC William Mansfield, USMC. Miss Alice Holland, Gray Lady, is another fishing enthusiast.

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+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

"Because I live, ye shall live also" is the most important statement that was ever spoken; the most important promise of Holy Writ.

People then, as now, had to face death; conditions of living then were most dismal. Sin, immorality, selfishness, despotism, and decadence had driven the people into hopeless despair.

Then into that dark world came a golden beam of spiritual light. The friends of Jesus, the Galilean, known then as "Followers of the Way" were spreading the news that Jesus Christ had "risen from the dead." They remembered that before going to the Cross he had said: "He that liveth and believeth in me shall never die . . . Because I live, ye shall live also." That was the good news that turned a dying civilization to a way of faith, hope and joy. A promise like that could not be lost or forgotten. It became man's greatest strength. It was the answer to the question of the ages—**Death**. It was the very answer to life itself.

It is no wonder that the Christian Faith has dominated civilization since that day and is the driving force today of the hosts of mankind who seek to build a better world. The simple words of Jesus have stirred the hearts of men because they answer the questions of the human soul.

J. A. WHITMAN
Protestant Chaplain

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
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1930—In Chaplains' Office—Ward 40A

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
0630 — 0900 — 1215
DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1150
Confessions before Mass
LENTEN DEVOTIONS:
FRIDAY 1900
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NAVY RELIEF OFFICE — 40A

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 1000
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Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
upon request to the Chaplains' Office

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

U. S. To Build Model Similar To Canberra

Washington (AFPS)—The Air Force recently disclosed it will contract for the construction in this country of an undisclosed number of the counterpart of the British twin-jet bomber, the Canberra. The plane recently made a record flight from Ireland to Newfoundland.

Construction will be done by the Glenn L. Martin Co., of Baltimore, Md. Officials of the Martin firm said the new government contracts would result in the employment of several thousand additional workers and expansion of existing plant facilities.

The Canberra was flown to Baltimore from Langley AFB, Va., where it had been studied in detail by Air Force engineers.

College Lassies Make Fudge To Prove Merit

New York (AFPS)—The "classic beauty and graciousness" of Hunter College girls is conceded, wrote four combat soldiers from Korea—but can they cook?

Having listened for some time to the boasts of a former New Yorker in their unit on the qualifications of Hunter College students, the four recently wrote a letter to the Home Economics Department of the college. The letter read:

"It's hard to believe that girls with such beauty could possibly bake cake and make fudge, as claimed by our buddy. Far be it from us to doubt his word, but how can we be sure until we have sampled your culinary art? Let it hereby be known that we are cookie tasters of long standing. Through our palates have passed some of the best pastries in the world. We are sure yours will meet the test."

Sgt. Samuel Finkel, Cpl. Thomas J. Keaveney, Cpl. Domenic Pelizzaro and Pfc. Frank J. Lathers, authors of the letter, added wistfully that they would settle for letters, if sending the pastries is impractical.

The Hunter girls have agreed to send mail, cookies, cake, and fudge to the soldiers every month.

ARC Fund Drive

Chaplain A. T. Wallace, hospital Red Cross campaign director, informs us that \$845.50 so far has been collected from responding departments. All departments are urged to turn in completed collections as soon as possible.



Pictured above after their wedding in the Oratory Chapel on 15 March are Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Sanders. With the new bride (the former Carol J. Landrigan) and groom are Samuel T. Cox, HA, and Miss Betty Landrigan, bridesmaid. Catholic Chaplain A. T. Wallace performed the ceremony.

Red Cross Ramblings

FLOWERS!!!

Those flowers which appear on your bedside table on Friday afternoon are sent by members of the Berkeley Junior Red Cross. Each week the pupils of one school collect flowers from their own homes and from generous neighbors. At school they arrange them in appropriate containers (they do amazing things to small tin cans, cover them with gay crepe paper or wall paper) but that in no way lessens the beauty of the blooms. Recently, the favorites have been the lovely Easter and calla lilies, roses, camellias, and snapdragons. And to think it is still cold weather back East without even a leaf on a tree.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

And a young man's fancy turns to fishing—which in turn stimulates an interest in fly-tying. A number of our Red Cross Craft Gray Ladies are very capable fly-tiers and will be glad to assist any of you patients who would like to learn, brush-up, or just need the supplies and equipment. Contact any Red Cross worker and tell her of your interest in fly-tying and soon you'll be talking about gray hackle, streamers, and royal coachmen.

SHENANIGANS ON WARD 46A AND 46B

And, begorrry, they were flitting all over the wards, the colleens (Gray Ladies). There was many a laugh and much glee o'er the blarney thither and yon. We didn't produce any Irish sweepstakes winners but in the following events these men were the winners. The "windiest Irishman" (bubbles blown from a clay pipe) were Pfc. Robert Akers, USMC, Charles Cooper, AD, and Henry Koczara, CDC. The best sketches of "Paddy's Pig" (drawn blindfolded) were produced by Lee R. Fault, SN, and L. D. McCaskill, SA. It was on paper but Don Cedergren and Darrell Frazier were quickest with the answers for "driving out the snakes from Ireland." Did they kiss the Blarney Stone? Nay, but there was wild guessing on the weight of one moulded from clay, compliments of our Craft Shop. Frank Cox and Jesse R. Payne were accurate in their computations. To each and every participant we extend a lusty "Erin Go Brach."

MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!

A background of classical music

issues forth a greater part of the day from the room of ENS John Taylor on Ward 69B. He possesses one of the handsomest tape recorders we have seen for some time and at present is utilizing the records from the Red Cross classical library for his entertaining hobby. If you are a lover of Tchaikovsky, Beethoven, Schubert and a score of other fine composers keep in mind the Red Cross recreation worker and she will loan you your favorite recordings for your listening pleasure.

HOW MANY CANDLES ON THAT CAKE???

Sgt. Horace U. Smith and Sgt. Johnnie Martin, Ward 42A, were celebrating birthdays this past week. For awhile both of them had doubts that they would celebrate this day this year. Smithie did we count 19 candles on that pink and white frosted creation? Harry Davis, SN, and Samuel Conrad, SA, shared their birthday cakes with their ward pals. Here's to a successful year ahead for all of you.

EASTER BUNNY ARRIVES ON SCHEDULE

Not too many years ago many of you were asking mother if you could join the Cub Scouts. Sunday morning nine of these little fellows are coming to the hospital to present Easter baskets to their "big brothers." They are from Berkeley and have been working all week in their various units to assemble the baskets just for the men at Oak Knoll. Thanks for the idea boys.

GRAY LADIES

A new class of one hundred and sixty-five Gray Ladies have just completed a two weeks training course held at this hospital and will soon be seen on the wards doing personal service and craft work in the afternoons. The remaining group will be Recreation Hostesses for evening ward activities. There are all types so be looking for some new faces this week.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

STUFF 'N STUFF: Dancing at the romantic Lake Merritt Hotel were Lillian Chinn and Ray Babin.—The swimming pool and sun deck were the two most popular places on the Base last week. Some of the night men are already sporting tans.—The "little girl" you see with wrestling champ Larry Katz isn't his sister, but his wife.—Ten more washing machines are slated for the barracks. That should ease the congestion.—Physio's Alger and Jarnevic couldn't ask for better duty on these warm days. They go swimming with their patients.—Andy McClain's tax refund for 1950 was enough to buy a new car.—Durmout Stanley was soundly napping when a "buddy" roused him with, "Wake up, Stan, it's too hot to sleep."—Saw the Ray Hopsons watching the St. Patrick's Day parade in San Francisco.

RESUME: The dances at the EM Center get better all the time. The loyal fans of St. Pat gathered to do him honor in droves last Friday. Bob Cheek's orchestra supplied rippling rhythms... his drummer came in for lots of attention—pretty girl!—The mad, frantic choreography of Stan (Pride of Brooklyn) Shulmin and Don McLaughlin gave the crowd an unexpected floor show.—Chris Giraldez drew cheers with his kips and back bends (we're still talking about dancing).—No other girl dancer could take the spotlight from Pat Rogalinski. She danced as if touched by the Muse, Terpsichore.—Lou Freese had an auburn-haired student nurse in tow.—Verla Ashby, as usual, was huddled with her favorite blonde, Jim Gray.—Johnnie Caudillo and the Mrs. were hopping about.—MAAs Drexler and Shipp had the duty at the EM Center and looked longingly at the cool brews.—Almost missed Edwina Manning behind her orchid. There's no doubt about where it came from.—Bobby Pollard and his girl had the crowd gaping with their unusual steps.—Little Dave Maese was flushed from something. High spirits, heat, or dancing?—The group singing was a lot better than the solo.—The Record Office's HMI Peters took us by surprise in her natty uniform.—Jovial Claire Martini had her usual bevy of bachelors clustered about.—Ask Dolores Hanlon how many cokes make her dizzy.—Quiet Ruth Freudenvall had a quieter swabbie out on the dance deck.—Johnny Seale labored like a zealot organizing the dance with decorators Naylor, Mahoney, Steiner, Moore, Leshner, and Evans.—"Manny" Garcia didn't recognize me at 2300. Wonder why?—

REMINDER: If you had a good time at the last dance, plan to attend the next on Friday, 30 March. Orchestra, free beer, and pretty hostesses.

CHOW DOWN: Doing anything Sunday? No, well, come with me. Let's sleep late and then drive out to Cliff House for brunch. Everyone goes there. Through huge windows you can look down on the animal-infested Seal Rocks and hear the hungry blue Pacific roaring on the beach below. Sunday's brunch features a New Orleans Milk Fizz. I won't say anything; you judge for yourself. For \$1.50 (there's only one price for



Showing off a variety of costumes to advantage at the 14 March fashion show and tea at the Officers' Wives' Club were, left to right: Mrs. Ralph Pietrobono, Mrs. B. N. Ahl, Mrs. Robert Ware, Mrs. C. K. Holloway, Mrs. R. W. Ohl, Mrs. G. C. Beattie, and Mrs. G. K. Ekblad. All costumes, including a number of evening dresses and children's clothes, were from shops at the Pelton Shopping Center, San Leandro—Julia's, The Hat Box, and Kiddie Carousel. Mrs. Richard Poos was chairman for the event, and on her committee were Mrs. Beattie, Mrs. Ware, Mrs. E. N. Behning, Mrs. Chester Klein, and Mrs. J. N. C. Gordon.

Hi-Lites

By Armed Forces Press Service

Chicago (AFPS)—In court Jack Dillis accused his wife of firing five shots at him. "That's not true," the missus told the judge. "I fired only four times." Mrs. Dillis was held for further legal action on a charge of assault to kill. She missed all shots.

Knoxville, Tenn. (AFPS)—Charged with possessing liquor, Ada Ready told the court she never possessed liquor—she always drank it as soon as she got it. Case dismissed.

Arabi, Ga. (AFPS)—Mrs. J. B. Waters baited a trap to catch a mouse in her dining room. The mouse ran up to her, took the bait out of the trap and scampered off before Mrs. Waters could let go of the trap.

Pittsburgh (AFPS)—When emptying the parking meters in suburban Mount Lebanon, officials discovered a \$5 gold piece which a careless motorist had dropped in.

Boston (AFPS)—Wilfred Nardone, a truck driver, was fined \$5 for wearing out a sidewalk. The unusual case came up when Nardone drove his trailer truck onto a sidewalk causing \$344 damage.

Calhoun, Ga. (AFPS)—When fire was raging through a building here, an automobile "fled." The fire short circuited the ignition wires, causing the vehicle to start itself and back across the street.

brunch) you can have your choice of a variety of fruits, hot or cold cereal (with real cream), and there's a long list of entrees. We tried the chicken liver omelette which couldn't have been better. Lots of hot rolls and steaming coffee. After brunch, walk down the hill and you'll have your afternoon planned for you; Playland and the beach.

Face Full Of Water From 'Old Faceful'

Far East Air Force Base, Japan (AFPS)—A radio operator at this Fifth Air Force light bomber base in Japan got a faceful of water because he doesn't believe in signs.

Wanting a drink, he stepped up to an ancient Japanese cooler, pressed the broken button and was greeted from ear to ear with a spray of water.

As he wiped his face, he regarded a sign on the cooler "Old Faceful."

Leaflets At War

TOKYO (AFPS)—More than 180 million leaflets urging Communist troops to surrender to United Nations forces, have been dropped over and behind enemy lines since the Korean conflict began. "Operation Leaflet" is conducted by the Psychological Warfare Division of Headquarters, Far East Air Forces.

1st Middie: "Let's cut class and take in a movie."

2nd Middie: "Can't do it, old man, I need the sleep."

Laennec Society To Meet Here Friday

Oak Knoll doctors will present the scientific program when members of the Laennec Society, a group of Bay Area chest surgeons, meets here Friday night.

Some 75 civilian doctors are expected to attend the meeting which will include cocktails, dinner, and discussions by Captain E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN, and Commander Emanuel Rollins, MC, USN. Captain Dickinson's subject will be "Intra-cardiac Foreign Bodies," and Commander Rollins will present a paper on "Torulosis."

Give!

Disasters often strike with unbelievable speed, causing death and destruction in a matter of seconds. But as soon as they hit, Red Cross help is on the way—food, clothing, shelter and medical aid to meet emergency needs; then long-term rehabilitation assistance. Help your neighbor in time of need by supporting the 1951 Red Cross Fund.

Synthetic "Guinea Pigs" Now!

A lifelike, synthetic forearm, with simulated veins and a source of "blood" supply, is being used by the Navy to teach medical personnel how best to give hypodermic injections and to withdraw blood from the human body.

The synthetic arm, the foundation of which is made of stone covered with felt, enables students to see the vein network of the human arm and to simulate injections and blood withdrawals. The "skin" of the arm is made of flesh colored vinyl resin, a plastic material. Under the "skin" are a series of light and dark latex tubes which imitate the arm veins.

The "skin" can be manufactured in various thicknesses. Students may either see the veins or be required to rely on touch to determine the site of



needle insertion. It is also possible to set up a pulse rate in the veins.

The new device is made with material costing less than \$15.



The wives of CPO's met on 14 March to organize and elect officers. Present were (standing, left to right): Mrs. C. O. Martin, Mrs. J. F. Anderson, Mrs. Dorothy Henny, Mrs. R. Coon, Mrs. E. A. Cannell, Mrs. J. A. Maddox, Mrs. M. R. Morrison, Mrs. L. L. Linse, Mrs. Lacy Edwards. Sitting (left to right): Mrs. J. E. Pee, Mrs. B. F. Wilson, Mrs. R. L. Scott, Mrs. F. G. Shields, Mrs. F. H. Anderberg, Mrs. J. J. McBeath, Mrs. C. E. Baptie, and Mrs. E. W. B. During the organization proceedings, Marie Shields was elected president, and Blanche Scott elected secretary. The next meeting will be held on 4 April at the CPO Club, with June Rose and Eleanor Martin as hostesses.

Cerrito Club Invites 100 To Dinner Party

One hundred men, patients and staff, are invited to attend a stag dinner party at the Cerrito Club, a private business and professional men's club, in El Cerrito, on 29 March.

All men interested are urged to sign up in the Welfare and Recreation Office as soon as possible. Transportation will be furnished, and the group will assemble in front of the Navy Exchange Building at 1800, 22 March.

"Well Done"

Orinda, California,
9 March, 1951.

From: Comdr. F. B. Connell,
USNR (Ret.)—17097.

To: Commanding Officer, U. S.
Naval Hospital, Oakland.

Via: Commandant, Twelfth Naval
District.

Subject: Appreciation of services
rendered by NH, Oakland.

1. It is a pleasure to report that during recent treatment at your command both Mrs. Connell as a surgical in-patient, and I, as an out-patient, have received not only the finest professional treatment, but also every possible courtesy from each member of the hospital staff with whom we came in contact.

2. I would be grateful if you would convey my thanks and appreciation particularly to Capt. E. T. Knowles, Comdr. T. D. Cuttle, Lcdr. E. J. Madden (DC), LT (jg) Bancroft and to the nurses and staff of Ward 72-B where Mrs. Connell received every care and consideration.

F. B. CONNELL.

Judge: "How does your wife irritate you?"

Husband: "Why, she keeps saying: 'Hit me! Go on, hit me, and I'll have you hauled up before that bald-headed old reprobate judge, and see what he'll do with you!'"

Judge: "Prisoner discharged."

With some people you spend an evening. With others you invest it.

Sign in laundry window: "We do not tear your clothes with machinery. We do it carefully by hand."

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

11 March

RAWSTRON, Robert Raymond, III, to wife of Robert Rawstron, FSCN, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

LITTLETON, Jay Stanley, to wife of Gerald Littleton, AD1, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

LEMOINE, Michael Paul, to wife of George Lemoine, HMC, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

PATERSON, Gary Alexander, to wife of Alexander Paterson, ET1, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

12 March

KAUBER, boy, to wife of William Kauber, LCDR, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

MANLEY, Maureen Louise, to wife of Edward Manley, TD3, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

MANN, Catherine Louise, to wife of David Mann, CHPLC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

SHOOK, Denis Michael, to wife of James Shook, CS3, 8 pounds.

LIVINGSTON, Steven Leslie, to wife of Donald Livingston, AGC, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

KLEIN, Chester LeRoy, III, to wife of Chester Klein, LTJG, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

JONES, Johnnie Stephen, to wife of Johnnie Jones, DK2, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

13 March

SPARKS, Pamela, to wife of Marcus Sparks, AN, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

SCHWINDT, Michael Eugene, to wife of Philip Schwindt, FN, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

DAY, Wayne William, to wife of Eugene Day, EMFN, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

WOLF, Deborah Ann, to wife of Gene Wolf, Cpl., 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

JARF, Michael Ray, to wife of Leonard Jarf, YNC, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

GIBBS, boy, to wife of Glenn Gibbs, MML1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

HOWELL, Michael, to wife of Jack Howell, Plc., 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

LOGAN, boy to wife of Richard Logan, IC1, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.

RYAN, Debra Lea, to wife of Therl Ryan, Pvt., 5 pounds.

14 March

DOWDAKIN, girl, to wife of David Dowdakin, Sgt., 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

HOWELL, Sam Griswold to wife of Carter Howell, LT, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

HOWELL, Suzanne, to wife of Carter Howell, LT, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

ORSALINO Raymond Thomas, to wife of Martino Orsalino, SD1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

SAYER, Steven Douglas, to wife of Edgar Sayer, HM2, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

McCAMMON, Jill Allyn, to wife of James McCammon, Pvt., 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

JULIUS, girl, to wife of Edward Julius, LTJG, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

MORGAN, William Thomas, to wife of James Morgan, AN, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

MERCER, Allan Charles, to wife of Charles Mercer, GM3, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

VEDOMSKA, Dianne Jeanine, to wife of Cyril Vedomske, GMC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

LEXON, Patricia Kay, to wife of Raymond Lexon, ME3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

15 March

WALKER, James Randolph, to wife of Charles Walker, RM3, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

SINOS, George Francis, Jr., to wife of George Sinos, FP2, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

KENNEDY, Kathleen Marie, to wife of James Kennedy, FPG1, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

GROSS, girl, to wife of Donald Gross, FN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

NAGEL, Kenneth George, to wife of William Nagel, AD1, 10 pounds, 3 ounces.

16 March

GARZA, Joseph Anthony, to wife of Jose Garza, FN, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

McGRUDEN, Karen Diane, to wife of Edward McGrudden, AT2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

BRIDENBAKER, Joe Martin, Jr., to wife of Joe M. Bridenbaker, SN, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

GREEN, Cheryl Marie, to wife of Harold Green, M/Sgt., 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
MORRILL, Edward Lawrence, III, to wife of Edward Morrill, Sgt., 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

17 March

GONZALES, Yolanda, to wife of Martin Gonzales, BM3, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

WILBER, Edwin Leonard, to wife of Martin Wilber, LTJG, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

MATTHEWS, William McNeill, to wife of William Matthews, LCDR, 5 pounds.

ZICKFOOSE, John Patrick, to wife of Hudson Zickfoose, CSC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

ORTIZ, Patricia Elaine, to wife of Herman Ortiz, SN, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

FERRIS, William Earl, to wife of Robert Ferris, Cpl., 9 pounds, 10 ounces.

SCHNEIDER, David Lawrence, to wife of Lawrence Schneider, S/Sgt., 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

JONES, James Michael, to wife of Thomas F. Jones, Jr., ADAN, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

MEADOWS, Christine Elaine, to wife of Donald Meadows, AN, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

BROWN, Cheryl LeAnn, to wife of Lawrence Brown, EMP3, 9 pounds, 9 ounces.

BARTHOLOMEW, Doris Margaret, to wife of Richard Bartholomew, LTJG, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

BOERSMA, Timothy Vernon, to wife of Vernon Boersma, LTJG, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

Starkville, Miss. (AFPS)—Two youths drove into a service station in a battered relic of an automobile.

They bought a nickel's worth of gas, asked for a road map and tipped the attendant a penny. They said they were driving to Birmingham—138 miles distant.

Sanitation School Takes Field Trip

Eighteen students and two instructors from Oak Knoll's Environmental Sanitation School, took four days of field work, from 12 through 15 March, to the Department of Public Health, city of Oakland. The trip was planned for two basic groups and each man in the group spent two days with two different instructors.

Apart from the two days in the field and clinical work, each man is oriented by an instructor in a series of subjects, among which were: Sanitation (including the inspection of restaurants and bars), food processing plants, markets, canneries, barber shops, the sampling of soil and water, etc. Other subjects included housing, rodent control, sanitation, laboratory, and V.D. control.

The field trip allowed the Sanitation School students to see and put into actual practice the theories of Naval sanitation taught in the Environmental Sanitation School.

A well built girl is like a three ring circus. A guy doesn't know where to look first.



Mildly amazed is LT C. W. Howell, MC, USN, as he watches his Elizabeth, hold their son and daughter. The twins were born on Wednesday 14 March. Sam Griswold, (held in Mrs. Howell's left arm), weighed 13 pounds, 13 ounces. His sister, Suzanne (right), weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces.



Tripping the light fantastic at the St. Patrick's Day dance, are HMC and Mrs. Jack (Flashgun) Simms. The dance was held at the CPO Club, Saturday, 17 March. Niles Kenney and his well-known band provided the music.

Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll's Personnel Offices were able to slow down a bit during the week of 14 March through 20 March as thirty-two reported aboard and twenty were detached.

Reporting aboard were LT F. E. Martin, from Naval Receiving Station, Seattle, Wash.; LT Felicia Szajnar and LTJGs G. S. Hannah, J. F. Sherrill, T. E. Boody, L. M. Howard Jr., L. P. Troutner, H. W. Elliott, T. P. Fowler, C. D. Kitch and Norma M. Brown, from inactive duty; L. H. Lowser, HMC, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Calif.; HMIs C. W. Dysor, R. V. Larson, R. C. Otte, J. M. Anderson, and D. Bontadelli, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; R. G. Dunn, DTG2, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; HM2s R. F. Hass, W. V. Johnson, H. A. McClellan, W. A. Reynolds, V. K. Garrean, H. O. Beahm, G. A. Green, and HM3s H. C. Newby, J. T. Ronan, E. F. Downing, and HNS T. C. Raum, R. L. Sharp, C. A. Ritter and R. F. Wells, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.

Detached were LT Gladys F. Juchich, to MSTs, Pacific, San Francisco, Calif.; LT Pearl K. Houska, to IAS Alameda, Calif.; LTJG T. W. D. Smith, to CG Marine Barracks, Camp Lejeune, N.C.; FFT; ENS Virginia P. Jordan, to Dispensary, Naval Station Kodiak, Alaska; J. E. Harris, DTG, to IAS, Pensacola, Florida; W. F. Tulley, DTG1, to Treasure Island, Calif.; FFT; HMIs W. F. Berry, and E. J. Prayton, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; C. W. Derby, HM1, to District Staff Headquarters, Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco, Calif.; M. L. Wharton, HM2, to Naval Air Base, Coronado, Calif.; C. P. Foreman, HM2, to USNMS, Bethesda, Maryland; R. L. Zeek, HM3, G. K. Jones, DN, and C. L. Weaver, HN, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; P. Katrovitz, J. J. Armas, R. M. Gordon, and M. L. Duncan, to U.S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Calif.; and HAs C. S. Rutherford, and P. C. Tulley, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.

GI Bill For WWII Vets On Active Duty

World War II veterans now in active military service, attending school under the GI Bill during their spare time, will be able to resume their courses after the 25 July, 1951, training cut-off date, if they are forced to interrupt their studies because of military duties or transfers, Veterans Administration said today.

They will be allowed to continue training within a reasonable period after their release from active duty—even though they do not get out until after the cut-off date.

In fact, VA added, when they do re-enter GI training, they may step up the part-time training taken while in uniform to full-time courses.

However, a veteran taking a GI Bill correspondence course while in service or otherwise may not, after the cut-off date, switch to classroom training, regardless of whether it's in the same or any other field of study.

Similar post-deadline procedures apply to veterans who started GI Bill studies as civilians, then interrupted to return to military service. They also may resume training within a reasonable period following their release from service—should they return to civilian life after the cut-off date.

Three requirements that must be met by veterans who expect to continue training are: (1) conduct and progress in their GI Bill course must have been satisfactory; (2) the period of training which may be obtained after they get out of uniform will be limited to their remaining GI Bill entitlement; (3) their course may not extend beyond the final deadline of the GI Bill program on 25 July, 1956.

Under the law, the 25 July, 1951 cut-off date applies to World War II veterans discharged before 25 July, 1947. For those few discharged afterwards, the cut-off date is four years from date of discharge.

Book Discussion Group To Be Formed Here

What do you mean by "happiness"? Is democracy the best form of government? Why?

If you are interested in joining a bull session for two hours once every two weeks and discuss the most vital questions of human life as they are presented by the authors of the great books of western culture—now's your chance.

Mrs. Agnes Schmitt, Red Cross Office, 2nd deck of the Community Service Building, is helping to organize a Great Books discussion group. See her if you are interested in learning more about this project.

Son Born To Widow Of Korea Casualty

Mrs. Jo Mae Hamrick, Ward 73A, is the first widow of a Korean casualty to have a baby born in this hospital. Her husband, a Marine lieutenant, was severely wounded at the Inchon landing September 15 and died from his wounds ten days later.

The baby, Mrs. Hamrick's second boy, was named after his father, John Forrest Hamrick II.



Loyal sons of the "Auld Sod" enjoyed festivities at the St. Patrick's Day dance in the E.M.'s club, last Saturday, 17 March. Bud Cheek and his orchestra supplied the music for the Irish festival dance.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 25 March

FOLLOW THE SUN—Anne Baxter, Glenn Ford. DRAMA. Glenn Ford plays the role of Ben Hogan in this story of that famous golfer's career. Ford and Anne Baxter, as his wife, start the golf circuit with \$1,400. In the first tournament, he is befriended by Dennis O'Keefe, a champion golfer. Ford doesn't do well at all, and just as he and Miss Baxter are down to their last \$100, he wins some prize money. Ford goes on to become the best golfer in the country, but he never feels that he has the crowd's friendship. After an accident in which he is almost killed, Ford makes a remarkable golfing comeback and finds that the fans are all for him.

Monday, 26 March

WINCHESTER 73—James Stewart, Shelley Winters. ADVENTURE. This is a recent Universal release that was a favorite with all who saw it. If you enjoy a good adventure story with plenty of good acting, this will give you an interesting 93 minutes. Rated very good by all reviewers.

Tuesday, 27 March

PASSAGE WEST (COLOR)—John Payne, Arlene Whelan, Dennis O'Keefe. ADVENTURE. This is a brand new Paramount film not yet released for reviewing. With the above stars playing the leads, it should be tops.

Wednesday, 28 March

FORT SAVAGE RAIDERS—Charles Starrett, Smiley Burnette. WESTERN. John Dehner, an Army captain, goes berserk when he is refused a leave to see his dying

child. He goes AWOL and when he is apprehended, he kills his guard and escapes into the West where he joins an outlaw band. He becomes so vicious that the Army sends Charles Starrett, the Durango Kid, and his friends, including Smiley Burnette, to capture him. The lieutenant who leads the party almost gets all of them killed, but finally the crazed man is cornered and killed. No rating available.

Thursday, 29 March

INSIDE STRAIGHT—David Brian, Arlene Dahl. This powerful film pictures the corrosive effect of wealth and power when they become overpowering drives. Set in San Francisco in the frontier days of the last century, the picture describes the adventurous rise and fall of a young man who sets out to seek his fortune. Rated very good.

Friday, 30 March

ONLY THE VALIANT—Gregory Peck, Barbara Payton. This is a new Warner Brothers release that takes us back to the old days of the Indians and the U. S. Cavalry. Real, honest-to-movie action, with the rousing excitement engendered by battle and human conflict makes this one good.

Saturday, 31 March

WOMAN IN HIDING—Ida Lupino, Stephen McNally. MELODRAMA. This recent release by Universal brings two of the top screen stars before movie-goers. If you like drama with all the trimmings, you will enjoy this one. Rated very good.



In special presentation ceremonies last week, the Gold Star Mothers of Hayward and Castro Valley presented two Television sets to Wards 44A and 44B. Money for both sets was obtained through the tireless efforts of the Gold Star Mothers and the generous amount of advertising space donated by the Hayward Daily Review. Patients and Gold Star Mothers pictured above as the sets arrived are, (left to right) PFC F. S. Brink, Leila Lang, Ruth Bruno, V. R. McCoy AD3, Johanna Bertelsen (Gold Star Mothers' President), CPL C. A. Gingrich, LTJG E. E. Clark, Clara Casey, PFC A. F. Mitchell, Clara Elliott, Gus Ballas, Veteran, and CPL Henry Caster.

Three Contestants Survive Prelims

Now in the semi-final and final rounds, the Oak Knoll golf contest will wind up as soon as possible with only three contestants still in the running out of fourteen entries. LTJG Robert Ware came into the final round by defeating CAPT G. H. Ekblad while CDR Milton Kurzrok and Willie Jefferson, HN, have yet to play their semi-final match. LTJG Ware will tangle with the winner of this match.

LTJG Ware informs us that Oak Knoll boasts some fine golfers, plenty to make up a hospital team. Many have shown interest in the game, and a little concentrated practice should produce one of the best collections of golfers to be found in the Bay Area.

Chuckles

First Eskimo: "Gee, I'd like to marry that girl over there in the fur parka."

Second Eskimo: "Don't rush things. Wait six months . . . see how she looks in the daylight."

First Brig Inmate: "What are you in for?"

2nd Brig Inmate: "It was at the officers' party . . . the captain told me to stand at the door and call the officers names."

One little girl to the other: "Why does your grandmother read the Bible so much?"

Other: "I think that she's cramming for her finals."

An Englishman revisited an old castle he had been forced to sell to a rich man because his expenses were too high.

"And how is my ancestor, the ghost, who used to walk up and down the stairs all night?" he asked.

"Oh, 'im," said the new owner who had the castle modernized, "'e don't give us a wink of sleep at night, ringin' for the elevator, and all."

Knoll Golfers Place In 12ND Tourney

Out of 130 entries from the Bay Area and Monterey, LTJG Robert Ware, MSC, USN, and Willie Jefferson, HN, made a good showing for Oak Knoll in the 12ND Golf Tournament held on 14, 15, and 16 March.

Walking off with top honors was Andrea from Moffett Field with a solid 307, and placing second was ENS Braddock from NAS, Alameda, with a 308. ENS Braddock scored a hole-in-one on the 62nd hole, but got a double bogie on the 72nd hole to lose the stroke and drop behind Andrea, who parred on the hole.

Next in line came an unidentified officer from NSC, Oakland, with 315, followed by LTJG Ware from Oak Knoll with 320. Jim Lee, HMC, from Hunter's Point, scored a 321, with Willie Jefferson from Oak Knoll right behind with a 325. These were the outstanding scores from the 130 entries, some of whom did not finish the entire match.

The match was a 72-hole scratch, no handicaps, with 18 holes played the 14th, 18 holes the 15th, and 36 holes played the final day for the low 24 scores of the tournament. LTJG Ware and Jefferson of Oak Knoll finished the final round on time, to win the fifth and seventh places respectively.

Hospital Bowlers Take Seventh In Tournament

Hard luck, plus a red-hot team from VR-5, Moffett Field, proved fatal for the Knollite bowlers in the 12ND bowling tournament last Monday evening. The keggers from Oak Knoll lost all three games to drop three points as VR-5 picked up three points and nosed into fifth place to put Oak Knoll out of league play. Mare Island picked up three points to take the sixth place slot, leaving Oak Knoll in seventh place and NSC, Oakland, in eighth position.

The hospital bowling team included B. F. Wilson, HMC, Arlene Normington, HM2, W. P. Escallier, HM1, James Smyth, HM3, G. N. Nelson, HM2, Pete Bowers, HM1, and D. C. Mertens, HM3.

The tournament included nine teams from the East Bay Region, and 13 teams from the West Bay Area. Tentatively, further practice games may be scheduled to include those teams eliminated in tournament play. The purpose of the practice games will be to keep participating teams in good trim for further competition.

Appleton, Wis. (AFPS)—The Big Sneeze. Twenty - six - year - old Norman Cotter sneezed so hard he fell out of bed and broke his big toe.

X-ray Receives Bowling Awards



Members of the X-Ray bowling team receive awards and congratulations from CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, for winning the Hospital Bowling Championship. Pictured are (left to right), T. R. Brack, HM3, D. C. Mertens, HM3, W. P. Escallier, HM2, R. J. Halcomb, HN, J. Smythe, HM3, and CAPT J. N. C. Gordon. Joe Reginato, Athletic Director, watches the proceedings.

Varied Sports Program Being Planned; Urgent Need For Softball Players

All men interested in forming a hospital Volleyball team are urged to meet at the Welfare and Recreation Office on 21 March, at 1700. For information about the team and the inter-hospital league, contact W. V. Johnson or J. W. Brimer at the Welfare and Rec. Office. Practices will be held on Wednesday and Friday, for both the hospital team and the inter-hospital Volleyball league. To enter teams in the league, submit in writing the players' names, manager, manager's phone number and the team's name.

The sports schedule now includes a hospital swimming meet to be held on Wednesday, 2 May, 1951. All "aquatically - inclined" members of the staff are urged to submit entries to the Welfare and Recreation Office by 27 April, 1951. Practice sessions for the hospital swimming team are scheduled on Mondays and Thursdays from 0900 to 1000.

Softball is now underway, but more players are needed, both for the hospital team and the inter-hospital Softball League. The Hospital team practices on the Port Watch at 1400. Interested parties should contact T. R. Moore at the Welfare and Recreation Office as soon as possible. Along the same line, inter-hospital softball will commence on 2 April. All entries should be at the Welfare and Recreation Office by 28 March, the entries including the team members' names, manager's name and

phone number, and the name of the team.

NOTICE!!—Practice for the Hospital Baseball Team is on the Starboard Watch at 1400 . . . Needed by . . . an experienced catcher. Contact Joe Reginato, now!

Badminton enthusiasts will practice on Mondays and Thursdays. All players please meet at the Welfare and Recreation Office on Monday, 26 March, at 1700, to make arrangements.

12ND leather pushers will begin competition on 2 April. All men with boxing experience or an interest in boxing are urged to contact Mr. Reginato at Welfare and Rec. Work must begin soon and in time to prepare for the coming 12ND boxing tournament.

Albuquerque, N. M. (AFPS)—A customer departed from his barbershop. Joe Valdez held open the door and called, "Thank you. Come back soon." Shortly thereafter, his cashier informed him that the "customer" walked off with receipts totaling \$234.95.

"Daughter, you tell that man to take his arm from around my waist."

"Tell him yourself, pa. He's a stranger to me."

"That's the guy I'm laying on," muttered the hen as the farmer crossed the yard.

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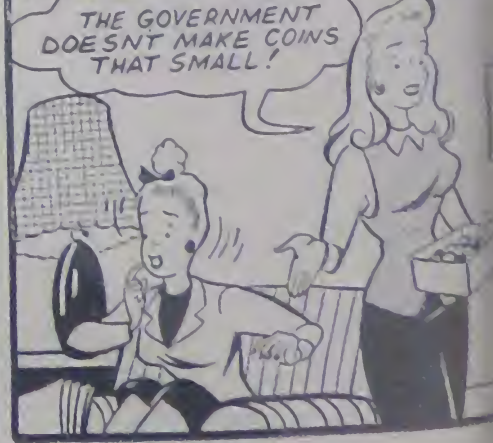
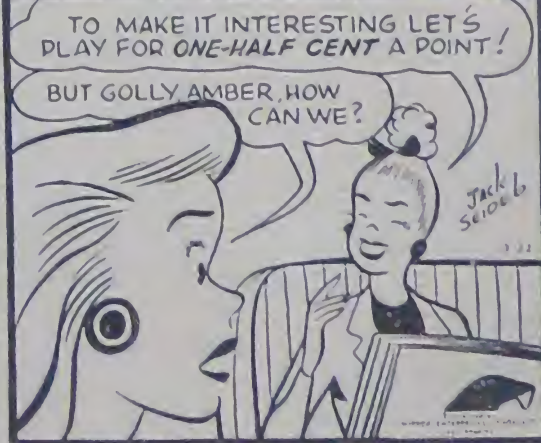
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Saturday, 31 March, 1951



Displaying the Table Tennis form that won him the Hospital Ping-Pong Championship, is PFC Ray Brobst, USMC, patient of Ward 45A. PFC Brobst, along with Jim Torres, SN, Ward 45B, and D. L. Bartholomew, HN, Corpsman on Ward 64A, participated in the 12ND Ping-Pong Tourney last Wednesday, at Alameda, the final results being that Brobst went to the quarter finals, only to be eliminated from the matches by Tulley, last year's champion.

Oak Knoll Patient "Strikes It Rich"

Cpl. Werner Reininger, USMCR, Ward 42A, "struck it rich" to the tune of five hundred dollars last Tuesday afternoon on the "Strike It Rich" radio program broadcast from New York City.

Freddie Bartholomew, the former boy movie star, was Reininger's stand-in, and won the top prize by answering six general information questions without error—parlaying a fifteen dollar stake to the top.

Reininger's name came to the attention of the sponsor of the program when it was sent in, without his knowledge, by an unidentified friend from his home town, San Antonio, Texas. An inquiry was sent to Cpl. Reininger, and his letter in reply was read over the air.

When asked how he would manage to get rid of five hundred cartwheels, Reininger said he would use the money to go into business with his father in a large super-market in his home town.

Chicago (AFPS) — The town of Bustle just doesn't bustle. The Nickel Plate Railroad has asked permission of the Illinois Commerce Commission to close its freight station there.

First Class Completes Sanitation School

Eighteen hospital corpsmen at Oak Knoll have completed the five-months' course offered by the Navy's Environmental Sanitation Technician School that opened here last November and were honored at special ceremonies held yesterday at 2 o'clock.

Dr. Charles E. Smith, Professor of Public Health Practice, School of Public Health, University of California, was the principal speaker on the program, which also included short talks by Captain J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer of the Hospital, and Commander R. S. Poos, MC, USN, head of the school.

RECEIVE CERTIFICATES

Technicians' certificates were presented by Captain H. D. Hubbard, MC, USN, Acting District Medical Officer, to H. W. Avera, HMC; L. F. Balance, HMC; C. O. Martin, HMC; R. S. Nihoul, HMC; E. A. Kloetzel, Jr., HM1; K. W. Therrel, HM1; J. E. Guthrie, HM2; F. A. Ikerd, HM2; W. J. McMillen, HM2; R. D. Pearsall, HM2; C. O. Dodson, HM3; C. E. Grace, HM3; L. Hewett, Jr., HM3; R. A. Leary, HM3; R. F. Montgomery, HM3; R. E. Ryan, HM3; D. H. Saly, HM3; and F. C. Scott, Jr., HM3. All have received orders to stations in Pacific and Atlantic areas or to various naval stations within the United States.

WELL-QUALIFIED STAFF

Graduates have been thoroughly trained in techniques necessary for provision of safe food and water, proper disposal of refuse, control of insects and rodents, and elimination of unsanitary conditions at home and in the field. Trips to water and sewage disposal plants, dairies, milk and meat processing plants, bakeries, and canneries, have been an important part of the school curriculum, which has been administered by a well-qualified and experienced staff of nine officers and enlisted men including, CDR Poos, LT R. G. Harwell, MSC; LTJG J. L. Yetka, MSC; R. Crowe, HMC; D. E. Morse, HMC; L. G. Estes, HMC; P. E. Musick, HMC; W. A. Mitchell, HMC; J. Naylor, HM3.

Consultants and Consultant-lecturers for the school are Captain Albert P. Kreuger, MC, USNR, Professor of Bacteriology, U.C.; Charles E. Smith, Professor of Public Health Practice, Chairman, School of Public Health, U.C.; Harold F. Gray, Lecturer in Public Health, U.C.; and Lieutenant Commander William W. Stiles, MC, USNR, Associate Professor of Public Health, U.C.



PFC Michael J. Ropezycki, USA, who lost both arms in Korea, demonstrates his efficiency in using new prosthetic ones by writing his autograph for LTCOL Frank A. Partlow, MSC, USA, who was here Tuesday from Washington. Looking on are SGT Oliver M. Soule, 1st Sergeant of Oak Knoll's Army Detachment, and CAPT N. J. Cantley, Army Liaison Officer. PFC Ropezycki, a native of Oakland, lives at 19857 Whelton Avenue, Castro Valley, with his wife, Patsy Jo.

Cressmount Stages Annual Horse Show

Championship jumping, equitation, model hunting, formal precision drills, and general horsemanship show skill will be featured at the Thirteenth Annual Horse Show of the Mills College Bit and Spur Club, to be staged on the Mills College campus Sunday, 1 April. The traditional event, which annually attracts hundreds of Bay Area Equestrienne enthusiasts, is scheduled to get underway at 1400 in the Umbrella arena of Cressmount, the College riding school.

This year's program is billed as a double benefit, with proceeds to be divided between Oak Knoll Hospital and the World Student Service Fund. Ringside box sections will be reserved for Oak Knoll servicemen attending the afternoon performance as special guests of Bit and Spur.

The annual presentation is under the direction of Miss Cornelia Cress, Mills Riding School Director, and her assistant, Mary Lou Hansen, and riding events will be judged by Fred MacMillan of San Mateo.

In the past many men from Oak Knoll have attended the Mills College horse shows and have won prizes in special competition. The members of Bit and Spur have always extended special courtesies to patients here, and this special annual program will be no exception.

Army Representative Here for Inspection

A representative of the Department of the Army's Surgeon General visited Oakland Naval Hospital last Tuesday and said he was well-satisfied with Army-Navy cooperation at Oak Knoll.

LTCOL Frank A. Partlow, Chief, Domestic Section, Hospitalization Operations Branch, Office of the Surgeon General, is making a survey of Army Detachments at Navy hospitals to see how well the two-service joint hospitalization program is working. He called Army-Navy relations at Oak Knoll "exceptional and exemplary" and thought the Oak Knoll Army Liaison Section "should be considered a model for any future joint hospitalization detachments."

The colonel had no definite information as to continuation of the Army Detachment at Oak Knoll but thought it unlikely that it would be maintained indefinitely. He pointed out that current Army Medical Department expansion has relieved the crowding of Army hospitals, responsible in the early months of the Korean war for the placing of Army patients in Navy hospitals.

Colonel Partlow visited Army patients on several wards. He was escorted by Captain N. J. Cantley, Army Liaison Officer.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"Well begun is half done"—but only half. A lot of us began well on Easter Sunday by attending church services. Why shouldn't we follow it up and finish the job for the rest of the year?

Worshipping God really is the job of every one of us. By public worship in Divine Service we admit that we are made by God and that we want human affairs to be conducted in accord with God's wisdom.

The second purpose and result of faithfully fulfilling our obligations toward God is betterment of ourselves. The human mind and will are tremendous powers. They will accomplish either good or evil, depending on how they are trained. If we voluntarily and regularly keep ourselves in touch with the wisdom and justice of God, the best in us will predominate and we will be right before God and men.

If on the other hand we leave God out of our lives, it is our way of denying His existence, or His importance. Such neglect is necessarily harmful, to individuals and society, because it is contrary to truth. When the minds and wills of men guide themselves with no reference to the Creator, they are wrong from the start, and serious damage will result.

Service of God is a way of living; it begins with respectfully acknowledging His supremacy as God, and then influences every action for the better.

—W. TROWER, Catholic Chaplain.

Helicopter Is Used To Build Phone Line

Somewhere in Korea (AFPS)—The versatile helicopter was employed recently to string communications wire to a front line post during combat operations. The wire was strung at a height of 40 feet. "I believe this is the first time we have done it in combat," said the pilot, Capt. G. W. Morrison, of Santa Ana, Calif.

New England, in an area which is considered to be generally unsuceptible to earthquakes, has felt an average of one fairly severe shock every year since colonial times.

'A Strong Man Armed Keepeth His Palace'

Washington (AFPS) — God — not guns—is the answer to the world's problem, the veteran Marine Corps general told the 12-year-old girl.

Such was the reply to a question asked by Irene Moore, daughter of a marine sergeant, during an interview in Marine Corps headquarters with Brig. General John C. McQueen, Marine Corps public information director.

The general who has fought on battlefields from Nicaragua to Okinawa replied with a quotation from the Book of Isaiah when Irene asked him, "How do you think the profession of arms aids Christianity?"

"A strong man armed keepeth his palace."

Irene, daughter of T/Sgt. and Mrs. George S. Moore, was working on assignment from her seventh grade class at St. James School in Falls Church, Va.

"If the whole world had Christianity," the general told her, "there would be no need for armies and navies, or even police."

Smelly Payroll Caused By a Little Stinker

Battle Creek, Mich. (AFPS) — Tracing lost currency in the vicinity of Fort Custer will be a cinch for the next few days—it smells.

The local finance office recently was invaded by a skunk. Clerks started reporting sick, one by one. Finally the office was abandoned—except for the skunk.

A military police detachment removed the little stinker.

Red Cross Ramblings

AH SPRING!!!

Signs of the times at the U. S. Naval Hospital were apparent in the Red Cross Lounge last Monday evening when patients and staff talked with members of the Associated Sportsmen and received tips on local hunting and fishing. Good spring weather is stirring the blood of more and more patients who are able to leave the hospital. Mr. George Seymour, Superintendent of Predatory Animal Control for the California Rod and Game Commission, headlined the program and spoke on predatory animal control and the fur trade in this state. He displayed over fifty specimens of California predators and fur-bearing animals. Mr. Arthur L. Dunn, "worm farmer" of San Leandro, introduced his "fish bait" in various sizes and stages. He has developed a one-time hobby of raising worms to the point that he now makes a living from it.

Mr. Guy Elston entertained baseball fans with his famous collection of pictures and data on pro baseball's all-time greats. Mr. C. E. Wilson, Ray Bartelson, and Bill Case, representing the Hayward Sportsmen's Club, Castro Valley Rod and Gun Club, and Berkeley Rod and Gun Club, explained the intricacies of the guns and told tales of how the deer is bagged. They also explained how hunts are organized.

Mr. C. E. Wilson will bring another interesting group to the Lounge on 30 April, so keep the date open and be sure to attend.

SQUARES AND ROUNDS

Anyone who was at the Red Cross Lounge (Building 32) last night knows what real fun can be! Plenty of partners for everyone resulted in something more than just a real old-fashioned hoe-down. There was dancing galore of all types and all nations, and even individual demonstrations of everything from a Cuban rumba to the schottische—or is that something to eat? Perhaps you already know that California leads the nation in folk-dancing. These Friday evening shindigs in the Lounge from 1900 to 2100 bear out the facts. Dance or watch and meet the hostesses from Oakland and Berkeley.

DREAMS OF STREAMS

How many times these past rainy months have you thought about sitting out in a small boat with your line dangling in the water and catching a big one? Last Sunday Cpl. Archie Thurmond, USA, and Marion Evans, veteran on Ward 42A, did that very thing. They started out in the early morning with tackle, bait, and lunch. They rowed around to several choice spots where the fish were jumping before throwing in their lines. About ten o'clock Thurmond felt a terrific tug on his line and began working to pull in the line. Before he was able to get the line shorter and the catch nearer the boat all four occupants were busy assisting him pull in the prize. Several of the others had nibbles and strikes but weren't able to land the fish. Thurmond's bass weighed over nine pounds.

BLUE RIBBON WINNERS

Last Saturday afternoon one of the ping pong tables in the Red Cross Lounge was loaded with an array of bowls of hard-boiled eggs and cups of Easter egg dyes. Competition was keen among the patients seated around the table and the outcome of some of the eggs was, to say the least,

unusual. A committee (unbiased) was selected by a Gray Lady and the decision went to an egg sitting on an upturned paper coffee cup, wearing a long beard and having small blue eyes and enormous ears, the entry of Sgt. Frank A. Mayer, USMC, of Ward 47A. Sgt. John Christiansen's egg was judged most attractive. All the fancy eggs were used at the "Bunny Party" held on the Pediatrics Ward Easter morning.

WARD 75A AND B

Expert guessers were in abundance at the B'nai B'rith Party held last week on these wards. Robert Carlson, SN, came closest to the number of jelly beans in the jar by guessing 814. Actual number by count was 830. Jessire Gay, SDC, unscrambled the Easter quiz words in record time and Wayne Montgomery, SN, set a new vocabulary record by listing the most slang words in ten minutes. As for judging an arm length or waist size by measuring off a piece of string, ask Robert E. Redpath, YNTSN, how it is done. What an eye!!

Oranges for Everyone From The Texas Co.

The Texas Company came through again last week, as two hundred twelve cases of oranges arrived at the hospital. The oranges were a gift from the Texas Oil Company's experimental groves at Fillmore, Calif. and were distributed throughout the wards and in the mess halls.

The last gift of navel oranges put the amount well above the thousand mark for cases given in the past years. The Texas Company has managed to enrich the citrus fruit offers of the commissary, at no expense to the hospital.

Little Rock, Ark. (AFPS) — Senator W. J. Hurst introduced his twin daughters to the Arkansas Senate. He pointed to them and called out their names. One promptly informed her father that he had made a mistake. With a red face, the Senator corrected the error.

If your wife laughs at your joke it's probably because somebody told her she has beautiful teeth.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945

SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100

FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY

1930—In Chaplains' Office—Ward 40A

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0630 — 0900 — 1215

DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1150

Confessions before Mass

NOVENA DEVOTIONS:

TUESDAY 1900

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN

CHAPEL & 40A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE — 40A

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 1000

in Staff Conference Room,

Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request to the Chaplains' Office

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE: Candy and cigarette vending machines at HCC—a one-day cleaning service—

STUFF 'N STUFF. Art Sandberg's wife, Bonnie, wants to join the Navy, just so she can spend his duty days with him. After all this time, she still can't bear a day's separation.—The light in Dave Aoki's eyes isn't from attending sunrise services. A certain "Bunny" does that to him.

— Chief Branson, girls' baseball coach, has a new prospect; there's only one trouble, she weighs only seven pounds. Meanwhile, Rosy Tom seems to be one of the promising players. — So many baseball fans among the fair ones. Leona Steinecke spends her Sundays rooting for the Seals. Imagine rooting for the Seals when the Yankees were in town.—Marvin Blair seems to be the O.R. School's father-confessor; all the students pour out their woes in his amiable ear.—Wasn't it only yesterday that we took exams for advancement in rating? Well, they'll soon be here again.—Don Simmons and Loren Dunstan were first nighters at "Where's Charley?" They like to see things before the critics tear into them. In this case, everybody agreed!—Who's this man that draws Chief Jeannie Banks all the way to Laguna?—Speaking of men, there's a little Wave who always goes to her ward singing "It's So Nice to Have a Man Around the House."—Bob Grubb brought his car back from Kansas City. There'll be a hot time in the old town now—Joe Calderazzo finally got his license. Comes April and he'll marry his maiden from Santa Ana.

—Mark Lewis is rushing his marriage too. Seems as though he has a lot of shore duty piled up. Three years of shore duty and then just before he heads for the briny deep, he thinks about getting married. —The X-ray department gang has "discovered" Highland Race Track. Ronnie Halcomb came out even, but Tommy Brack must have had some inside info; he came out ahead.—The Missouri crowd has taken to dancing in stocking feet. Quaint custom.—"Tubby" Van Atta is shopping around for some Hawaiian print trunks. He thinks he's going to warm and sunny climes. Won't he be surprised!—Annie Hoekstra and Beverly Scheidt think they'd like the USNH at Annapolis. By the way, isn't there an old regulation about "kaydets" remaining bachelors until graduation? — Bill Johnson and his new bride spent Easter gadding about Los Angeles. — To facilitate things for our week-end commuters to the smog section of California, they should move Oak Knoll several hours closer to L.A.—The Library's Mrs. Perry is planning to switch books for baby booties for awhile.—My spy network must be crumbling. It took three days from the time Barbara Scholl became Mrs. Floyd Scott for the news to reach me. Guess I'll have to train a new class of Mata Hari's.—See all those scratches on Lola Smith's arms? That's what comes from pruning rose bushes on Easter Sunday.—Bob Pickell went all the way to Medford, Oregon, for his Easter eggs. — "Muggsie" Mahoney watched the sunrise in Carmel Valley.—MAA Nelson had too much rest

Korea Heroes Honored At Award Ceremonies Here

Two Silver Stars, three Bronze Stars, three letters of commendation, and five Purple Hearts were awarded at special ceremonies held Monday in Gendreau Circle. Presentations were made by Captain J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer.

Silver Stars for gallantry in action in Korea were awarded to LTJG Cornelius J. Griffin, ChC, USN, Indianapolis, Indiana, and 1st LT Frederick A. Gessner, St. Louis, Missouri. The Bronze Star was awarded to LTJG Chester L. Klein, MC, USN, a member of the hospital staff, SGT Ralph E. Jackson, USMCR, Martinez, California, and CPL Tommy M. Kinnaman, USMC, 1504 Connor Street, Joplin, Missouri.

Letters of Commendation were awarded to SGT Chester S. Jaskiewicz, USMC, Lakeview, Oregon; CPL Richard G. King, USMC, Kalamazoo, Michigan; and ENFN James H. Vowell, USN, Bruceton, Tennessee.

Purple Heart medals were presented to PFC Donald G. Cooke, USMCR, Bell Rose, Long Island, New York; SGT Frank A. Golemi, USMCR, St. John, New Orleans, Louisiana; CPL Jacob Penko, USMCR, Barberton, Ohio; PFC Harvey A. Stoker, USMCR, Route 2, Mansfield, Louisiana; and 2nd LT Byron T. Magness, USMC, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

S. F. Jaycees Sponsor "Operation Morale Lift"

A large number of complimentary current magazines will be received by the Crew's Library from now on as a result of "Operation Morale Lift."

Topping the list are Time and Life, with 150 copies of each coming in weekly. Quick and Esquire come next, with 109 and 100 copies respectively to be sent to the library.

All sixty-two titles, including popular weekly and monthly magazines such as Colliers, Coronet, Saturday Evening Post, and Popular Mechanics, besides many others heretofore not subscribed to by the library (Ebony, Road and Track, Saga, Sport Life and Sport Stars), are being given by various publishers and news agencies for distribution to hospital patients.

"Operation Morale Lift" is sponsored by the San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce with Mr. Don Dillon acting as chairman of the project. As many of the magazines as possible will be distributed from Book Carts by librarians. Remaining issues will be sent to wards and departments.

one night last week and when he awakened at midnight, he thought it was time to hold reveille. Imagine mustering at midnight! — Morini, Hill, and Zeigler spent the Easter week end riding around the countryside, from Sacramento to Muir Valley. — Ann Dressel had a busy week coloring eggs for the corpsmen on her ward. — Corpsmen and patients enjoy doing things for nurse LT Lorraine Dickson.—Our new disbursing officer, LT Norma Brown, can't wear flowers on her uniform, but she keeps the disbursing girls supplied with fresh flowers from her garden.



LTJG Chester L. Klein has been cited for meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy while serving with a Marine infantry battalion during the period from Sept. 15 to Nov. 1950. While on that assignment, the citation stated, "he consistently displayed outstanding professional skill, courage, and a sound knowledge of the medical profession in the performance of his duties. He established, operated, and maintained the battalion aid station close to the front line units, and although exposed to enemy fire on many occasions, he administered aid and comfort to and directed the rapid evacuation of over 900 casualties. His actions were an inspiration to all members of the battalion and directly contributed to the saving of many lives that otherwise might have been lost."



LTJG Cornelius J. Griffin, ChC, USN, received the Silver Star Medal in recognition of his bravery while serving as Chaplain for the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division. During the height of an attack on 3 November, the Chaplain continually exposed himself to heavy enemy fire as he moved among the troops giving encouragement. "His very presence and display of courage inspired the men about him and aided materially in a rapid consolidation of the lines . . . His knowledge and use of first aid, coupled with the spiritual comfort he lent, proved to be invaluable assets to the organization."

Admiral Dearing Returns For Brief Visit Here

Rear Admiral A. H. Dearing, MC, USN, Commanding Officer here from 11 January 1944 to 11 January 1947, visited the hospital on 21 March, conferring with Captain J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, present Commanding Officer, and renewing friendships among staff members who had served here under his command.

Following his promotion to Rear Admiral in January 1947, the former CO was transferred to New York to serve as District Medical Officer, Third Naval District, and later to

Fewer Inductees Fail Pre-Induction Tests

Washington (AFPC) — Fewer men are flunking the Army's pre-induction mental tests, according to Selective Service statistics for January.

January figures showed that between 11 and 12 selectees per 100 failed the intelligence tests in January, whereas the December figure was 17 per hundred. The tests measure literacy and ability to learn.

Washington as Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery for Personnel and Professional Operations, the position he now holds.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

18 March

ZUNIGA, Henry, Jr., to wife of Henry Zuniga, Pfc, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
RICE, David Robert, to wife of David Rice, ENS, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
VAN STONE, Cynthia Ann, to wife of Stanley Van Stone, LTJG, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

19 March

REYNOLDS, Robert Barnes, to wife of James Reynolds, AMC, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
JUAREZ, Juanita Ann, to wife of Robert Juarez, LT, 6 pounds, 11½ ounces.
WARDEN, Kathleen Sue, to wife of Harry Warden, Sgt, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
HUNT, Carol Lynn, to wife of Robert Hunt, AMS1, 6 pounds, 6½ ounces.
APEL, David Scott, to wife of David Apel, AC2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
HAMRICK, John Forrest, II, to wife of John F. Hamrick, LT, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
FREE, Frank Harrison, III, to wife of Frank Free, M/Sgt, 8 pounds.
BORTOLIN, Daniel Anthony, to wife of Cherubino Bortolin, AM3, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
NILAN, Girl, to wife of Edwin Nilan, LCDR, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

20 March

McVICKER, Ronda Mae, to wife of Herbert McVicker, S/Sgt, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
VACLAVIK, Edwin Lee, to wife of Delvin VACLAVIK, ABAN, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
CLARK, Lynda Diane, to wife of Duane Clark, RDC, 6 pounds, 12½ ounces.
FIELDS, Alicia Marlene, to wife of Clarence Fields, FCC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
SOMDAHL, Russell, to wife of Carlton Somdahl, S/Sgt, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

21 March

RILEY, Jill Alice, to wife of Silas Riley, FN, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
BEERY, Karen Marie, to wife of Wade Beery, YNC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
WHISTLER, Warren Edward, to wife of Carl Whistler, LCDR, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.
DOSCH, Jonna Julianne, to wife of Charles Dosch, Cpl, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
DURHAM, Timothy Lee, to wife of James Durham, ET1, 9 pounds, 14 ounces.
ROBERTS, Jay Howard, to wife of Gerald Roberts, ENS, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
GRAY, Larry Dean, to wife of Tommy Gray, SN, 8 pounds.
CARROZZI, Mary Helene, to wife of Angelo Carrozz, MML1, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
CHILDS, Marcia, to wife of Albert Childs, HM3, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.
DOWLER, Elizabeth Evelyn Mae, to wife of Melvin Dowler, OM1, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
GISSELBERG, Kathleen Cecelia, to wife of William Gisselberg, YN2, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

22 March

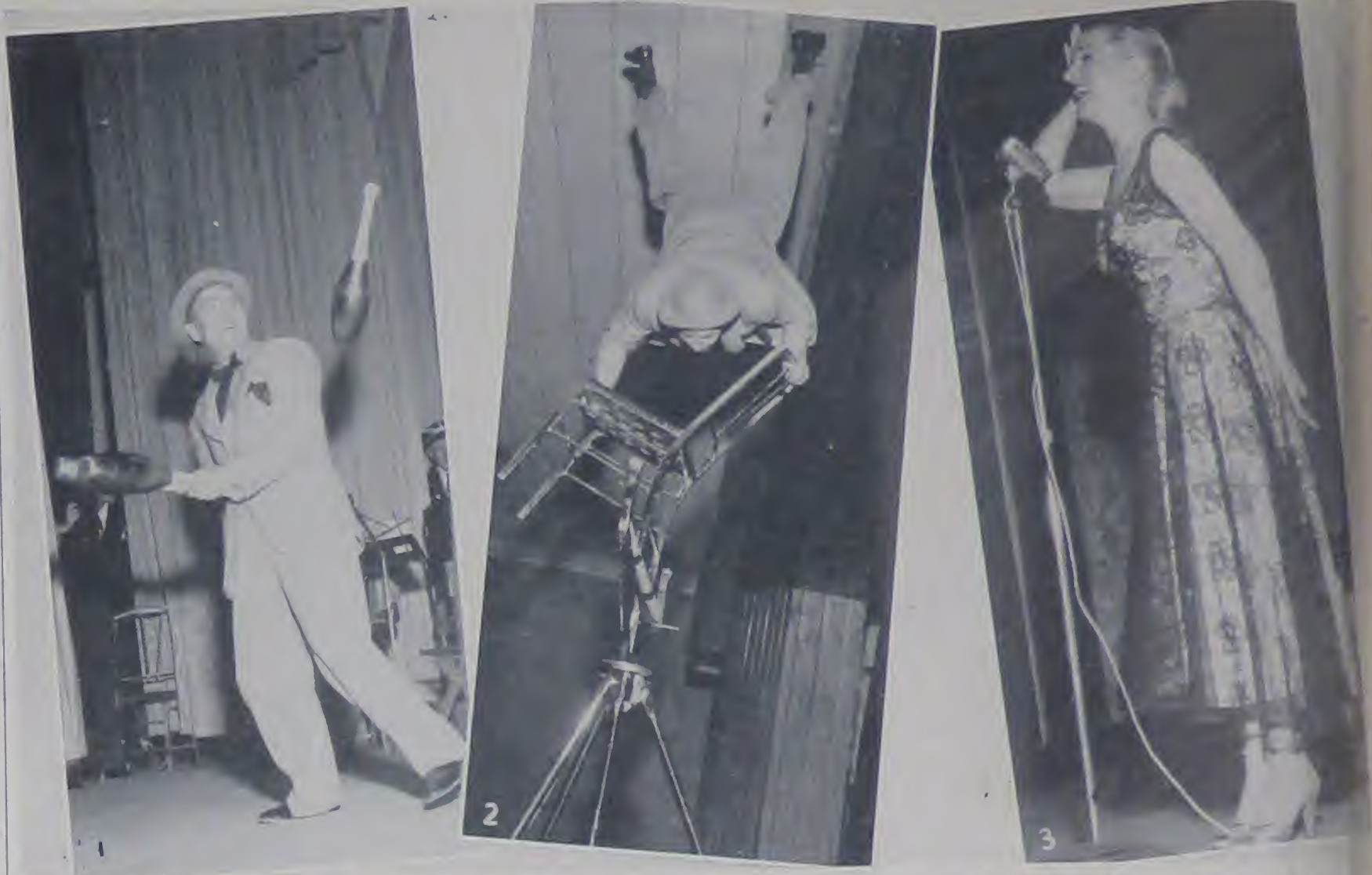
ERNST, Deborah Ann, to wife of Lloyd Ernst, HM1, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.
KRESGE, Janice Elaine, to wife of Carl Kresge, BM2, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
TOVAR, Joseph William, to wife of Guillermo Tovar, Sgt, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
DE ROXAS, Boy, to wife of Bibiano De Roxas, TN, 6 pounds.
JACKSON, Clara Elizabeth, to wife of William Jackson, AMC, 8 pounds.
RANKIN, Girl, to wife of Lester Rankin, PNC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
BRYANT, Girl, to wife of James Bryant, YN1, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

23 March

CRAWFORD, Sharlene Marie, to wife of Robert Crawford, BM3, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
HICKS, Dale "C." Jr., to wife of Dale C. Hicks, CSSN, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
WHALEN, Daniel Paul, to wife of Edward Whalen, AOAN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
WASON, Robert Michael, to wife of Robert Wason, EN2, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
TRAVIS, Valli Jean, to wife of Henry Travis, AO1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
WOLTER, Deborah Ann, to wife of Valentine Wolter, FN, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
ROAKE, William Patrick, to wife of John Roake, LT, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
BRADBURY, Robert Bruce, to wife of Bruce Bradbury, HMC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
HUBER, Donald Paul, to wife of Donald Huber, ATAN, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

24 March

HALL, Shaaron Alexandria, to wife of Roy Hall, OM1, 8 pounds.
HICKMAN, John Murray, to wife of Richard Hickman, LTJG, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
BARON, Anthony Jay, to wife of Anthony Baron, BTC, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
SUTHERLAND, Ralph LaMont, Jr., to wife of Ralph Sutherland, FN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
HORTON, Robert Allen, to wife of Harrell Horton, GMC, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
BEESON, David Ryan, to wife of Warren Beeson, LTJG, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
CLARKE, Elizabeth Joan, to wife of Raymond Clarke, YN1, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
PUTMAN, Joyce Faye, to wife of Joe Putman, AK2, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
SMITH, Patricia Lee, to wife of Gordon Smith, SN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
McCUNE, Janice Elaine, to wife of Paul McCune, Sgt, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
MILLER, Ray Scott, to wife of Ray H. Miller, LCDR, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.



In the spotlight once again on the auditorium stage were the Footprinters Association with another program of entertainment. Pictured above are Hap Hazard, as he goes through his paces with the Indian and balancing act, and lovely songstress Dorothy Baker. Also featured on the same program were the Play Spankers—Tyler and Sinclair, Xylophone artists, along with the orchestra under the direction of Nathan G. water.

New Helicopter Added To Navy's Sub Force

Washington (AFPS) — The Navy will add a new recruit to its sub-killer force—a helicopter that is long, low, streamlined and sleek as an airliner.

The new threat to any enemy snorkel, the Bell XHSL-1, will have tandem rotors which can be folded, enabling its use from aircraft carriers and many other types of naval vessels.

Speed of the new "copter" is secret but it will have tremendous reserve power, supplied by a Pratt and Whitney R-2800 engine used in some of the nation's fast piston-engine fighters.

The XHSL-1 design can carry radar and other electronic detecting devices, and an automatic pilot.

Navy Dentist Wins Honor Medal Award

Washington (AFPS) — A Navy dentist's hobby—composing music—has paid off again.

Commander Clay A. Boland, DC, USN, has been notified he has been selected to receive an Honor Medal Award for 1950 from the Freedoms Foundation for the prize winning song he composed, "I Like It Here." He is one of 300 persons chosen for this award.

Presentation of the award will be made in March or April.

Composing music as a hobby, Commander Boland has become a well known writer of popular songs. For the past 16 years he has produced and written the musical scores for the Mask and Wig Club of the University of Pennsylvania.

The doctor composed such popular hit tunes as "Stop, It's Wonderful," "The Gypsy in My Soul," and "Stop Beating Around the Mulberry Bush."

It takes only 13 facial muscles to smile, 67 to frown.

Cancer Control Month

NAVY DEPARTMENT
Washington 25, D. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER 5 Mar. 1951
From: Secretary of the Navy.

To. All Naval and Marine Corps activities concerned.
Subj. Cancer Control Month—April

1. The Congress of the United States by public resolution has designated April as "Cancer Control Month." The President annually issues a proclamation calling upon all citizens to help bring this disease under control.

2. It is desired, therefore, that Commanding Officers advise all hands that the President has declared April as "Cancer Control Month." In addition, all hands should be advised of the opportunity voluntarily to contribute to this most worthy and humane cause.

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS.

Wraps Taken Off New "Secret Gun"

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. (AFPS)—Project "no name," latest "secret weapon" to be developed in the small arms branch of the Ordnance School here, is now being used for class demonstrations in small arms operations.

Actually a harmless training aid capable of using only wooden shells, the model is a replica of one used earlier in training films shown to all beginning classes in the small arms branch of the school.

The machine, as yet nameless, is a near approximation of the ideal training aid. At any point in the lecture or any position in the several operations, the action can be stopped indefinitely, or repeated over and over again to clear up any question in the student's mind.

Refuel Stratojet While in Flight

Washington (AFPS) — Successful refueling in flight of the world's fastest bomber, the Boeing B-52 Stratojet, has been announced by the Air Force.

The recent tests, described as "satisfactory," were conducted by Boeing flight test crews over Wichita, Kans., with a Boeing KC-97 Stratofreighter as the tanker plane.

It was the first known instance in which a jet bomber had been refueled in the air, although the Air Force has been refueling jet fighters in this manner for some time.

Navy Increases Quota For Its Wave Recruits

Washington (AFPS) — The Navy has increased its weekly quota for enlistment of Regular Navy Wave recruits to 88 and shortened the regular training period from 10 to 9 weeks.

Previously 160 Wave recruits were enlisted in the Regular Navy over three weeks. The new program applies only to enlistment of wave recruits without previous naval service. Men with prior naval service may be enlisted in excess of the increased quota.

Recruit training is conducted at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Ill.

Then there's the bandage-covered patient who lay in the hospital bed. "What happened?" he asked. "You had one to many last night and they made you bet that you'd jump out the window and fly over the block."

"Why," pleaded the beat-up patient, "didn't you stop me?" "Stop you! I had \$25 on you!"

"A funny thing happened to my mother in New York."

"I thought you were born in C."

Welcome and Farewell

Forty new staff members reported aboard and fourteen were detached during the week ending 27 March.

Reporting were LCDR J. B. Dominey, from Air Transport Squadron 3; LT Catherine E. O'Hara, from NAOTS, Chincoteague, Va.; LT Delma V. Linville, from Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, Calif.; LTJG L. K. Cunningham, from Composite Squadron 61; LTJG E. E. Bleck, from USS Maddox (DD731); LTJG H. P. Greaves, from Marine Barracks, Camp Joseph H. Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; J. J. Alcedo, from USS Bon Hom Richard; HM1's J. C. Douglas, and E. A. Anway, HM2's D. J. Kirkpatrick, E. E. McCarty, C. L. Bond, and L. J. Marshall; HM3's M. C. Roberts, B. H. Miller, E. E. Jenkins, R. Chaplin, L. S. Sprague, D. K. Herrick, N. S. Lawnick, L. P. Smith, B. F. Smith, and L. F. Pyne, and HN's W. H. Weaver, and W. C. Jones, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; R. A. Cate, HN, and HA's M. L. White, R. J. Moore, R. L. Spear, M. N. Vlaminis, D. B. Snogren, M. W. Sjogren, T. E. Paillette, G. W. Leishman, C. E. Hjelt, W. M. Faulk, R. S. DeAbriele, and T. S. Wilkin, from U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School, Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.; HA's G. Stevenson, and F. A. Swanson, from USNRS, Treasure Island, California.

Detached were CDR E. Rollins, to Naval Hospital, Guam, Marianas Island; LT Ann E. Roth, to MSTs, San Francisco, Calif.; LTJG Hyacintha A. Murray, to Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif.; LTJG G. A. Yaeger, to inactive duty; ENS Wanda R. Staniszewski, to inactive duty; Mabel M. Reuter, HM1, J. D. Smith, HM2, and G. King, HN, to District Staff Headquarters; HN's B. D. Thrasher, L. M. Hedge, Jr., and C. L. Weaver, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; and HA's R. H. O'Neal, C. S. Rutherford, and P. C. Tulley, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.

CPO Club Dance

The last dance before April showers begin will be held tonight in the CPO Club. Frankie Pro and his popular dance combo will provide the music for the gala affair, and a buffet supper will be served at 2030, with dancing from 2100 to 2400.

Two little rabbits got lost in the woods and had a hare-raising experience.



Pfc. Duffy Speaks For Red Cross

PFC Leonard A. Duffy, USMC, doesn't mind suggesting that people support the American Red Cross during the current drive which ends here Monday. He feels that he, at least, has had much more than his "money's worth" of service from the organization.

Right now he's most thankful for the seven pints of blood that saved his life after he was injured at Chosen Reservoir when a hand grenade blew his right leg to shreds. But blood collected by the Red Cross is only one of the services he has received.

"Way back in Camp Pendleton in 1946, when my buddies and I were shipped out to China, we began to like the Red Cross," Duffy said this week on Ward 42A, when he was interviewed. "As we left they gave us coffee and doughnuts and ditty bags that we later opened to find books, shaving supplies, toothbrush, candy, and a 'housewife,' which always came in handy for mending. At the Red Cross China-International Club, we went to dances and it was fun to talk with the American Red Cross girls."

"In June, 1950, I spent some time at Olangapao, Subic Bay, P. I. Suddenly the alert came, and we were flown to Haneda Airport, Japan. There the Red Cross reopened their snack bar for us at 1 a.m. and I can't recall ever tasting better food than they served to us."

"After my injury and the slow evacuation from Chosen, I can remember vaguely the voices that said, 'He will need more blood.' I was given medical attention and told that I would be flown to a hospital in Japan. There after my amputation, I felt better. I asked the Red Cross worker on the ward at Osaka to send a cable to my family, because I knew my mother would be frantic. The worker visited me several times and purchased souvenirs for me to mail home for Christmas. As we arrived at Tripler General in Honolulu, while we waited on our litters, I heard a voice say, 'Any of you boys like a cup of cold pineapple juice or a milk shake?' It was a woman in a Red Cross uniform, and I knew then I was on my way home!"

"Now the Red Cross plans rides for us, and I have gone out several afternoons to enjoy the California sunshine."

Early Application For NSLI Urged

The following is the context of ALNAV No. 25 received from SECNAV on 16 March, 1951.

"ALNAV 25. Date of Acceptance of good health certification for National Service Life Insurance set forth in ALNAV 75-50 extended to 30 June, 1951. Imperative all persons in Naval Service, including Marine Corps, who are not insured or do not have ten thousand dollars maximum National Service Life Insurance and/or United States Government Life Insurance be fully informed of insurance coverage which the law affords. Commanding Officers are enjoined to have a canvass made of personnel under their immediate command to ascertain which persons have not availed themselves of this protection and to see that such personnel are urged to apply for or increase to the maximum amount National Service Life Insurance. To alleviate physical examination difficulties and for other cogent reasons, every effort must be made to apprise personnel of National Service Life Insurance benefits within one hundred twenty days following entry on active duty."

Rear Admiral DuBose Named BuPers Chief

Washington (AFPS)—Rear Admiral Laurance T. DuBose, USN, has been named to become Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Personnel) and as Chief of the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

President Truman has nominated Admiral DuBose to the grade of vice admiral while serving in that capacity. He will relieve Vice Admiral John W. Roper at which time the latter will revert to his permanent grade of rear admiral.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 1 April
SECOND WOMAN—Robert Young, Betsy Drake. DRAMA. This is a brand new United Artists release that should please the most ardent movie fan. Rated good by all reviewers.

Monday, 2 April
THE BLUE GRASS OF KENTUCKY—Bill Williams, Jane Nye. No information available on this one.

Tuesday, 3 April
SANTA FE—Randolph Scott, Janis Carter. This famous film was released some time ago and enjoyed by everyone who saw it. For a Western with all the trimmings, don't miss this one.

Wednesday, 4 April
TEXANS NEVER CRY—Gene Autry, Gail Davis. WESTERN. Gene Autry, a Ranger sergeant, and Pat Buttram find Harry Taylor being evicted from his farm by Richard Powers, who lent him money to buy Mexican lottery tickets. The tickets prove to be fakes. Autry and a Mexican government agent trace some suspects, but the agent is killed. In the ensuing action, Autry saves the life of a hired killer, who then turns on him. He also uncovers the counterfeiter's printing plant and brings the outlaws' gang to justice. Rated good.

Thursday, 5 April
OH SUSANNA (COLOR)—Rod Cameron, Adrian Booth. ADVENTURE. If you like your film fare rough and tough, you will enjoy the action and suspense in this one. The story dates back to 1875 when the Black Hills of the Dakota Territory were given back to the Indians. Action follows when the whites ignore the treaty and try to take over the land for their own selfish reasons. Rated good.

Friday, 6 April
VALENTINO (COLOR)—Tony Dexter, Eleanor Parker. DRAMA. This is one of Columbia's most successful pictures. Portraying the life of Rudolph Valentino, it goes to no end of trouble to bring out all the characteristics that made him famous. Rated excellent by reviewers.

Saturday, 7 April
COMMANCHE TERRITORY—Maureen O'Hara, MacDonald Carey. No information available on this one.

First Korea Amputee Leaves for Home

PFC Herbert Luster, USMC, said "goodbye" to his buddies on 42A last week and shoved off for Treasure Island and terminal leave in Little Rock, Arkansas. He is the first amputee from the Korea war to leave the hospital.

Herb's plans for the future are gradually taking shape. He has always been interested in studying the Bible, and now he hopes to go to the University of Honolulu on the GI Bill and prepare for the ministry.

Luster's right arm was shattered by an enemy mortar shell early in the Korea war, but he hasn't let his amputation bother him. Not long after he arrived at Oak Knoll he began playing golf on the local courses, and on a week-end trip with Joe Reginato he bagged four quail, shooting with his left hand. Today, with a new prosthetic arm, he can dial his own telephone numbers, write his own letters, tie his own shoe laces, and carry his own sea bag.

Speedy Messages Interest Services

New York (AFPS)—The fastest communications method in the world has attracted the attention of the Armed Forces.

A message that can be transmitted at more than 3000 words a minute, contrasting with the present 300 words a minute, is made possible by "High Speed Fax," recently displayed here by Western Union engineers who developed the process.

Photographs, printed and written matter were placed in a cylinder of the sending unit of the mechanism. Thirty seconds later clear, readable copies rolled from the receiving unit.



"Now don't tell me you are out of gas."

Commissary Leads In Bowling Tourney

With most of the first round of competition in the Bowling Tournament ended, the Commissary is out in front, having lost no games and won four. Tied for second position are Nurses, MAA, Night Crew, and Physiotherapy, with three wins and one loss.

CPO's, Artificial Limb, Record Office, N.P. Department, and Women Dependent teams have each won one game and lost three. X-ray and Laundry have not yet played off their first round match.

In individual scoring, Chief Betoney leads the high averages with a 178, followed by Ludi with 177. Ludi also holds high one-game score with a 218, and Chief Betoney has high three game score with 534. The high team series position is currently held by the MAA team (without handicap) with a 2262, and high series, with handicap, was captured by the Nurses with 2365.

CDR Kurzrok, LT Ware Meet in Golf Finals

CDR Milton Kurzrok took the 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th holes at Lake Chabot last week, to nose out Willie Jefferson, HN, in the Hospital Golf Tourney semi-finals. For the final play-off, CDR Kurzrok, Head of the Pediatric Department, will meet LT Robert Ware, of the Artificial Limb Department, to determine the championship.

Both officers have a good background for the game. CDR Kurzrok is a veteran of ten years of golfing. LT Ware has wide experience in competitive golf, having participated in many tournaments in the past few years. In the 12ND Tournament in 1948, LT Ware was runner-up, and took fifth place in the contest recently finished.

The final match is scheduled to be played at the Alameda Golf Links, on 29 March. The results will not make this issue of the Oak Leaf, but will be published next week.

Free Tennis Lessons To All Beginners

Free tennis instruction is now available for hospital staff members, patients, and dependents. Bill Brimer, of Welfare and Recreation, will be in charge and has set 1000 to 1200 as the time to meet. However, individual arrangements can be made.

Instruction is limited to beginners and experienced players only. All parties interested are urged to contact the Welfare and Recreation Office as soon as possible to arrange a schedule.

Baseball and Softball Players Needed Now

The week of 9 April will see the staging of the 12ND Golf Team Tournament, featuring champion teams from the entire district. This tournament will feature team play rather than individual play, such as was presented in the tourney just completed. The hospital team will be chosen from the following officers and enlisted men trying out. CDR Milton Kurzrok, CDR James R. Dillon, LT Julian Spence, LT Robert Ware, LTJG R. D. McGinnis, Ed Cannell, HMC, Pete Bowers, HM1, and Willie Jefferson, HN.

Oak Knoll softballers are still practicing on the Port Watch and all men interested are urged to arrange transfer to this watch as soon as possible. An urgent need exists for infielders, and all men with softball experience are requested to participate.

So far, only three teams have been entered in the Hospital Softball League. They are N. P. Service, Civil Service Girls, and an Officers' team. The entry deadline has been extended to 2 April, in order for more teams to be organized, as at least six teams are necessary to insure league competition.

In the same light, LTJG Dorothy Holtberg informs us that practices are being held for the Nurses softball team on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 1530 for the nurses working the morning shift. For those on the afternoon shift, practices are held on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 1030. Miss Holtberg suggests that more nurses turn out for practice so that the team can be in top shape for the Armed Forces tournament which begins in May.

Baseball practice is now in full swing with sessions being held for the Starboard Watch. All men who have had semi-pro, professional, or college baseball experience are urged to contact Joe Reginato at Welfare and Recreation as soon as possible to arrange transfer to the Starboard Watch.

CDR R. A. Hick, MC, USN, and L. L. Katz, HM1, will represent Oak Knoll in the Badminton Tourney when they meet EMS, Treasure Island. Men with badminton experience are asked to contact Welfare and Recreation as soon as possible. Because of the lack of facilities for practice, experienced men are badly needed to make up a team to represent the hospital in further competition.

Also with the advent of spring comes Volleyball practice. The 12ND tourney begins next week, and a hospital league is being drawn up for hospital play. Interested parties should contact W. V. Johnson at Welfare and Recreation as men are needed to participate.



Oak Knoll baseballers receive instructions from Athletic Director and coach, Joe Reginato. Shown above, left to right, are Joe Reginato, J. W. Brimer, HN, E. J. Kautz, HM3, J. J. Taddeo, HM3, M. C. McAdaragh, HN, B. L. Amos, HA, R. Irvine, HN, Pfc B. L. Wright, G. C. Bournellis, HN, L. I. Green, HN, B. B. Hook, HN, R. L. Worsham, HN, E. M. Howell, HM3, A. Paul, C. R. Hull, HN, and C. F. Young, HN. Not present when this picture was taken were S. F. Tamborski, H. McClelland, and C. A. Johnson.

Chuckles

A shipwrecked sailor struggled ashore on a cannibal island. Rounding a grove of trees, he came upon a native, who stared at him long and silently.

Troubled, the seafarer blurted: "What's the matter? Why are you staring at me like that?"

"For several reasons," replied the islander. "The main one being that I've just been appointed meat inspector."

Pilot (after tailspin): "I'll bet 50 per cent of the people down there thought we were going to be killed that time."

Student Pilot: "Yes, sir! And 50 per cent of the people up here thought so, too!"

A sense of humor is what makes you laugh at something which would make you mad if it happened to you.

1st dog: "Do you have a family tree?"

2nd dog: "No, we're not particular."

Young Man: "Since I met you, I can't eat, I can't sleep, I can't drink."

Girl (shyly): "Why not?"

Young Man: "Broke."

"But isn't he a nice young man, Mamma?"

"Not at all, my dear. He reminds me of your father at his age."

Airman: "Hello, Air Police? I wanted to report that I found the wallet I reported stolen last night."

Desk Sgt.: "What are ya, wise or sompin'. We've already arrested the guy who took it."

Diogenes met a veteran. "Were you during the last war?" asked.

"A private," replied the veteran. So Diogenes blew out his lamp and went home.

The well dressed tourist to Europe next spring will wear Khaki.

Letter from post library to postal: "Your library card will be canceled unless you return the library you took out last week."

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RADM A. H. Dearing, MC, USN

Chaplain Wallace Heads Cancer Control Drive

April is Cancer Control Month. Spearheading the drive for funds at Oak Knoll is Chaplain A. T. Wallace, who has placed in various strategic places about the hospital those small red American Cancer Society containers to receive your contributions.

"Enormous progress has been made in cancer control," states the Society's latest pamphlet, "yet more people are dying of cancer than ever before." The explanation of this paradox is that cancer is a disease of middle and old age people and as a whole the average age of our population is on the increase. In other words, the life span of the average American has been extended to 66 years and he is paying for this privilege by suffering the diseases of the later years of life. Cancer is primarily such a disease.

When somebody gives a dollar to the American Cancer Society, a quarter of it pays for nationally planned research projects; 60 cents goes to the donor's division to pay for information services, donations to local clinics, transportation of patients, drugs and medications, and many other vital services; and 15 cents goes to the national office to pay for library facilities, fellowships and scholarships, development of educational materials, and other key preventive activities.

Former Station Skippers Return For View of Hospital, Visit With Friends

Oak Knoll might well have staged an "Old Home Week" recently since two former commanding officers stopped in to visit friends and see the changes that have taken place in recent months. Rear Admiral A. H. Dearing, MC, USN, Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery for Personnel and Professional Operations, was here on 21 March, and just a few days later on 29 March Rear Admiral C. A. Broadus, MC, USN, flew in from Norfolk and spent five days at the hospital. Having served as District Medical Officer,

5th Naval District, with headquarters in Norfolk, Virginia, for the past two years, he is now en route to his new assignment as Fleet Surgeon on the staff of Admiral Radford, Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet, with headquarters in Honolulu.

Admiral Dearing was in command of Oak Knoll from 11 January, 1944, to 11 January, 1947, and Admiral Broadus from 7 February, 1947, to 25 March, 1949. This was the first return visit for each former skipper, and each declared that the hospital looks "wonderful."

New Rating System Now In Effect For Hospital Civil Service Employees

The Navy has recently announced a new performance rating plan for civilian employees which went into effect at Oak Knoll 19 March, and all civilian personnel who have been on the hospital roster for at least ninety days by 31 March, 1951, will be given ratings in accordance with the new plan during the next few weeks.

Employees will be rated on three factors only: quality of work, quantity of work, and adaptability. Three rating levels will be used. They are, unsatisfactory, satisfactory, and outstanding.

It is explained that the individual who receives a rating of outstanding must be top notch in all aspects of his work. It is different from the

meaning of the old rating level of excellent. The employee who is marked outstanding must be an individual who has demonstrated unusual abilities on the job.

The broad rating level of satisfactory includes performance ranging from excellent to just above unsatisfactory. It is the level at which most employees will be marked.

The circular emphasizes that most of those who previously received an excellent efficiency rating will now receive a satisfactory rating, but that this does not mean their performance has dropped. It will simply be a result of the difference in definition between the old excellent and the new, more difficult to attain, outstanding.



RADM C. A. Broadus, MC, USN

Kenton Orchestra Will Give Performance Here

Hang onto your hats, Kenton fans, and fasten your safety belts 'cause Big Stan and company come aboard on 12 April. The Kenton aggregation will be appearing at Fack's in San Francisco, and will arrange an appearance at Oak Knoll.

On the same bill will be the Four Freshmen, noted recording stars and proteges of Kenton, who received a tremendous reception at the hospital a few weeks ago.

The Kenton band will be well remembered as they skyrocketed to fame after playing a few seasons at Balboa Beach in Southern California. After many series of nation-wide tours, and bringing such famous names into the spotlight as Anita O'Day, Vido Musso, June Christy, Eddie Safranski, and many others, the Kenton band went into retirement about three years back. Popular demand brought Stan back from South America, and many of the original members of the band back together. The result was an entirely different kind of music, styled a la Kenton.

The Bay Meadows Race Track has extended an invitation to forty patients from Oak Knoll to pay the track a visit 11 April, 1951. The excursion party will leave the hospital at 1100, with transportation being furnished. All interested parties are urged to contact Welfare and Recreation immediately.



Miss Kathern F. Gruber, Assistant Director, American Foundation for the Blind, Inc., came to Oak Knoll Wednesday to talk with Captain J. N. C. Gordon, Commanding Officer, and Captain B. N. Ahl, Head of the E.E.N.T. Department (right) and offered her organization's assistance to Navy patients. Since the beginning of the Korean conflict the Foundation has been vitally interested in the welfare of blinded casualties and is continuing the active cooperation it gave to the services during World War II.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

EVERY SUNDAY IS EASTER

"And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them . . . and continued his speech until midnight." Acts 20:7.

The glorious Easter season and Sabbath is past and over for another year. But is it, really? According to the Scripture, as well as the practice of the early apostles and Christians, and the unbroken observance of the Christian church through all the centuries since that first Easter Sunday, the answer is **NO!** Easter is not over for another year—every Sunday is Easter!

It is interesting and important to note from the above Scripture, that it was not a partial Sabbath observance, either—the disciples were holding a Sunday evening worship service which lasted until midnight! The Sabbath is a 24-hour institution of God and is only properly kept "by the public and private worship of God, and a holy resting **ALL THAT DAY** even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days."

The above Scripture, plus others, gives the divine will and authority in this matter; so let us all "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy"—all day long—and as we do so each week, every week of every year, let us rejoice that "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." For He said, "I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death."

"O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
 O balm of care and sadness. Most beautiful, most bright;
 On thee the high and lowly, Bending before the throne,
 Sing holy, holy, holy, To the great Three in One.
 On thee at the creation, The light first had its birth;
 On thee, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
 On thee, our Lord victorious, The Spirit sent from heaven;
 And thus on thee, most glorious, A triple light was given."

—E. L. WADE, Protestant Chaplain.



CPL William Earnest, USA, now on convalescent leave from Oak Knoll, who along with his wife, meet Hollywood personalities Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis, and Polly Bergen. Jerry Lewis inspects CPL Earnest's "Fruit Salad," as the others listen to the Rison, Arkansas, soldier describe the action in which he won the Distinguished Service Cross.



Making another visit to Oak Knoll recently was the Jewish Welfare Federation of Oakland. This time they brought bingo, refreshments, and prizes to the patients on Ward 79B. Shown grouped around the bed of Sgt. Oliver Hadley, USMC, one of the prize winners, are, left to right, Cpl. Carl Echols, USMC, Mrs. Bess Glazer, of the J. W. F., Mrs. Florence Helzel Gray Lady, Pfc. James F. Summler, USMC, and Ronald Scheerer, AN, USN.

Red Cross Ramblings

FINE ARTS

Mrs. Carl Nelson and Mrs. Pefer Blos, Red Cross Gray Ladies, have been instructing patients in hobbies and avocations. Several of the men have shown fine talent in different fields. **Dom Canissario** has a specialty of drawing feminine heads and landscapes. **Kenneth Endholtz** has been working with a sketch book and has displayed many pencil drawings from woodland scenes to caricatures. **George Hall** likes to sketch cartoons and other whimsical ideas. Some of his pictures are of ward pals. **Joseph Smedley** takes a colored pencil and in no time flat has put down water scenes, trees, or some of the woodland flowers seen on the nearby hillsides.

There is always much activity on Ward 76A and B and one of these warm spring days, as you pass by, you will no doubt see easels spread out all over the adjacent terrain with these artists fast at work. **Rudy Fuentez**, using his left hand now, has made marvelous progress at bird studies and country scenes. **Nick Dodash**, who is just beginning, shows promise of being one of the brightest stars on the art horizon. If you are interested in trying your hand, see the Red Cross worker on your ward and one of the Gray Ladies will be in to see you. Perhaps you are a Rembrandt and not aware of the fact!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Felicitations and best wishes to **Milton N. Harp**, CS1, Pfc. **Garth Veater**, USA, and Pfc. **Kenneth McGuire**, on their birthdays last week. All of Ward 41A enjoyed the fun and the gaily decorated birthday cakes. Pfc. **Virgil Lewis**, USMC, of Ward 74A, just missed being an April baby as he celebrated his birthday anniversary on the 31st day of March. Did we count twenty-one candles on that cake, Virgil?

SOUTH PACIFIC

Like to hum catchy tunes? Most of us do, especially when they are from the current stage hits and on the Hit Parade. The Montclair Women's Club brings music and songs to the wards once a month. On their last visit in March they featured songs concurrent with the history of San Francisco. On April 3rd they brought all of the hit tunes from "South Pacific" and "Oklahoma."

Director of the program is Mrs. Kathleen Lane and she is capably assisted by Mrs. Jean Jenkins at the piano, and Mrs. Ileen McCosker as the commentator. We are all looking forward to their next visit.

MUSIC DE LUXE

Susan Muller, of Oakland, spends every Monday evening on the wards, sometimes utilizing her expert piano techniques with the Gray Lady parties, other times as a one-man show. Song sheets have been printed, including all the popular songs from hill-billy to sentimental ballads for a good community sing. How good is your musical ear? Can you recognize a tune when we play the first eight bars? We only wish that Susan were twins so that she might be in two wards at one time.

"Why do you want your little boy to sleep in that high bed?"
 "So we can hear him when he falls out."

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
 SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY 1930—In Chaplains' Office—Ward 40A

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
 0630 — 0900 — 1215
 DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1150
 Confessions before Mass
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 TUESDAY 1900
 Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN

CHAPEL & 40A
 NAVY RELIEF OFFICE — 40A

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 1000
 in Staff Conference Room,
 Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request to the Chaplains' Office

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

25 March

WADE, Dale Gordon, to wife of Gordon Wade, EMC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
SUGGINS, Claudia, to wife of Jerry Suggins, SC1, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
WEST, Deborah Lynn, to wife of Alfred West, APO, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
HAWKINS, Girl, to wife of Booker Dawkins, Epl, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

26 March

STOGREN, Shawn Amanda, to wife of Axel Stogren, HM1, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
NELSON, Chester James, II, to wife of Leonard Nelson, BMC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
RODDY, Girl, to wife of James Roddy, SN, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
BETSWORTH, Girl, to wife of Eugene Betsworth, DKF, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
BROUSE, Roger Vance, to wife of Charles Brouse, RT2, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
HANNA, Lauren, to wife of Otto Hanna, RML, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
DAVIS, Gayle Marie, to wife of Aubrey Davis, ET2, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
BROCK, Susan Louise, to wife of Aubon Brock, HMC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
TIPTON, Sharon Ruth, to wife of Henry Tipton, AN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
DURLACHER, Janis Marina, to wife of Raymond Durlacher, AMC, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

27 March

BENSON, Sue Elaine, to wife of Melvin Benson, Sgt, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
McDANIEL, Terry Robert, to wife of Frank McDaniel, ADC, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
FALL, John Nalan, to wife of John Paul, FN, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
HEITZ, Bonnie Lee, to wife of George Heitz, RMSN, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
GARNER, David Ray, II, to wife of David Garner, SHJ, 6 pounds, 13 1/2 ounces.
HALL, Ronald Arthur, to wife of Charles Hall, Col, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
TRINQUE, Jeanette Marie, to wife of Charles Trinque, AD2, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
VAN SANDT, Marcia Ellen, to wife of Douglas Van Sandt, RMN2, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

28 March

HINE, Pamela Louise, to wife of Donald Hine, RMN2, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
KLAMO, Girl, to wife of Joseph Klam, ADC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

29 March

LINGO, Bonita Kay, to wife of Carnell Lingo, MEFN, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
AIELLO, Carmen Marie, to wife of Albert Aiello, ADC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
FARLOW, Dennis Albert, to wife of Albert Farlow, TM1, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
BAKER, Fred Hess, to wife of Arthur Baker, ADC, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
SHANDREW, Girl, to wife of James J. Shandrew, BM1, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

30 March

BERNANDEZ, David, to wife of Jesus Hernandez, SN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
LAVENDER, Boy, to wife of William Lavender, AL2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
RYAN, Shirley Kay, to wife of James Ryan, TM2, 9 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces.
HUNTER, Sarah Cynthia, to wife of Daniel Hunter, ET1, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
PLANK, Laurel, to wife of Richard Plank, ENS, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.
HUNTER, Susan Marie, to wife of Arlis Hunter, HN, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
JEFFERS, Robert Paul, to wife of Paul Jeffers, Plc, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

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ADAMS, Alicia Dawn, to wife of Denzil Adams, ADAN, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
WELLS, William John, to wife of Claude Wells, AM3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
GORD, William Alvin, Jr., to wife of William Imar, AB1, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
HICKLIN, Cynthia Lou, to wife of Charles Hicklin, EMP1, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
ALLEN, Llysses Lee, to wife of George Allen, SDJ, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Officers' Wives Plan Luncheon for 11 April

Officers' Wives will meet for luncheon at the Art and Garden Center, Walnut Creek, next Wednesday afternoon, 11 April.

Reservations are \$2 and should be made early by calling Mrs. George Lynch, SWEETWOOD 8-8442.

Beyond 100-Mile Pass

In accordance with U. S. Navy Regulations, 1948, Art. 1284, and 12th Naval District order No. 51-7, all staff and patient personnel attached to this command while on liberty, shall be limited to a radius of 100 miles from this activity unless each individual has a duly authorized pass, which he must keep on his person at all times.

Sanitation Technicians Now Ready For New Assignments



Pictured above are the personnel who took part in Oak Knoll's first Environmental Sanitation Course. Instructors in the first row, left to right, are P. E. Musick, HMC, Ralph Crowe, HMC, LTJG J. L. Yetka, MSC, USN, LT R. G. Harwell, MSC, USN, CDR R. S. Poos, MC, USN, LT L. E. Suiter, MSC, USNR, D. E. Morse, HMC, L. G. Estes, HMC, and W. A. Mitchell, HMC; second row, students, left to right, C. E. Grace, HM3, W. J. McMillen, HM2, R. S. Nihoul, HMC, C. O. Martin, HMC, H. W. Avera, HMC, F. L. Ballance, HMC, L. Hewett, Jr., HM3, and R. D. Pearsall, HM2; third row, E. A. Kloetzel, Jr., K. S. Therrel, HM1, R. A. Leary, HM3, C. O. Dodson, HM3, R. E. Ryan, HM3, F. C. Scott, Jr., HM3, J. E. Guthrie, HM2, J. A. Ferrenbach, HN, D. H. Saly, HM3, F. A. Ikerd, HM2, and R. F. Montgomery, HM3.

The eighteen graduates of Oak Knoll's first Environmental Sanitation Technician class got off to a flying start on their new Navy careers last Friday, when Captain H. D. Hubbard, MC, USN, presented each with a certificate and the many guests who assembled for the ceremony wished them "smooth sailing." CDR Robert S. Poos, MC, USN, Head of the School, presented the graduates to Captain Hubbard, announcing where each came from and where each had been ordered.

R. S. Nihoul, HMC, was the man of distinction in the class. Not only did the genial Cedar Key, Florida, man claim a bride during the last week of his training, but was also high man in the class, with an average of 93.8 during the five months of training. Second high score was made by C. O. Martin, HMC, 93.6. L. F. Ballance, HMC, with 92.4 came in fourth, and R. D. Pearsall, HM2, and R. F. Montgomery, HM3, tied for fifth in the class. Montgomery received special mention because of the fact that he showed the "greatest improvement."

Proudest members of the graduating group were new husbands, Nihoul, J. E. Guthrie, HM2, and F. C. Scott, Jr., HM3. Nihoul's bride is the former Georgia Dalton, a former staff WAVE. Guthrie's new wife (Lillian Hoskinson) came to Oak Knoll from Enola, Nebraska, last June and has since been employed in the Dependents' Service. Scott's bride, the former Barbara Scholl, is well-known at the hospital, having worked in the Property and Accounting Office for the past eight years. She is a resident of San Leandro.

In addition to the guests pictured above, a number of distinguished visitors were present to see the commencement exercises, the exhibits on display in the school classrooms, and to attend the open house that followed the ceremonies. They were Harold F. Gray, Lecturer in Public Health; Water F. Joslin, California State Department of Health; Walter S. Mangold, Associate Professor of Public Health, U.C.; and LCDR William W. Stiles, MC, USNR, Associate Professor of Public Health, U.C.



Distinguished guests who were present for the graduation ceremonies were, left to right, CDR Sidney R. Britten, MC, USN, Head, Tuberculosis Section, Preventive Medicine Division, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; Dr. S. F. Farnsworth, Public Health Officer, Oakland City Health Department; Dr. J. C. Geiger, Public Health Officer, San Francisco City Health Department; Dr. Charles E. Smith, Chairman, School of Public Health, University of California; and CDR R. S. Poos, MC, USN, Head, Environmental Sanitation Technician Course.



In the opinion of the two young ladies pictured here the top men in the class were J. E. Guthrie, HM2, left, and F. C. Scott, Jr., HM3. The young ladies are Lillian Hoskinson Guthrie and Barbara Scholl Scott, both members of the hospital staff.

Two Staff Members Ship-Over For Six

Two Oak Knoll men signed over for another six years in the Navy during the past week. They are Jason L. Seale, HN, of the Laundry, and Robert E. Shawler, HN, of Ward 79A.

For both men this is the second tour of duty. Starting careers in the Navy at almost the same time, Seale 29 March, 1948, and Shawler, 3 March of the same year, their duties have corresponded most of the time.

Shawler went through "boots" in San Diego and from there went to duty aboard the USS Taussig. After serving his time aboard ship he was sent to Hospital Corps School in San Diego, and after graduation to the U. S. Naval Hospital at Santa Margarita Ranch, Oceanside, California. He stayed on duty there until being transferred to Oak Knoll 13 February this year. His home is in Marin City, California.

Seale left his home in Natchez, Mississippi, and was sent to San Diego for "boot training." From there he was sent to Hospital Corps School, and then reported to this hospital for duty. He and his wife, Betty, currently live in the Bay Area.

Both men re-enlisted for six-year hitches and are at the present enjoying shipping-over leaves.

Red Cross Fund Drive Tops Last Year's Mark

At the completion of the Red Cross Fund Drive, Oak Knoll Hospital had garnered a total of \$1451.00. However, some departmental reports are as yet incomplete, and further reports may boost the hospital contribution to an even higher level.

The total of \$1451.00 is just \$49.00 short of being 50% higher than total collected last year, and when full departmental reports are tabulated the total may go beyond the \$1500.00 mark. Any departments that have not turned in a full and complete report are urged to do so at the earliest possible time, to facilitate a complete report for the Hospital.



Married in Hospital Chapel Thursday, 29 March, were LTJG John B. McVeigh, DC, USN, and ENS Olive J. Haskew, NC, USN, with Chaplain A. T. Wallace officiating. LTJG Philip Suess, MC, USNR, and ENS Sylvia J. Relation, NC, USNR, were witnesses to the ceremony. LTJG and Mrs. McVeigh met and became engaged while both were on duty at NMMC, Bethesda, Maryland, and to where ENS Haskew will return at the conclusion of her current leave.



These distinguished-looking gentlemen lined up at the Officers' Club Monday night for a picture when the San Francisco Neurological Society held its monthly meeting here. They are, left to right, CDR B. I. Kahn, the Psychiatric Service; Dr. Nathan Norcross, Oakland neuro-surgeon, Oak Knoll consultant, and secretary of the visiting organization; CAPT E. H. Dickinson, Chief of Surgery and Acting Executive Officer; Dr. Robert Aird, San Francisco Neurological Society President and Professor of Neurology at the University of California Medical School; Dr. Henry Newman, Professor of Neurology, Stanford Medical School, and Oak Knoll consultant; CDR H. S. Colony, staff neurologist, and CDR A. L. Schultz, staff neurosurgeon.

Dinner in the Commissioned Officers' Mess was followed by a scientific program at which the neurosurgical staff presented six cases of peripheral nerve repairs, and doctors in the neurology department discussed three cases of tuberous sclerosis, one of multiple sclerosis, and one of glioblastoma of the brain stem.

Patients Participate In Cressmount Show

Championship jumping, equitation, model-hunting, formal precision drills, and general horsemanship skill were the feature attractions at the Thirteenth Annual Horse Show of the Mills College Bit and Spur Club. The traditional event was held in the Umbrella Arena of Cressmount the College riding school.

Representing the hospital were PFC Garth Veater, USA, Don Höfeldt, FN, USN, PFC Richard Kriegal, USMC, SGT Arthur L. Tilton, USMC, Ben Jackson, HM3, USN, and C. A. Kearney, BUL1, all from Ward 41A.

One of the highlights of the afternoon performance was a game in which ten servicemen were blind-folded and fed whipped cream puffs by the girls. As soon as the cream puffs were eaten, the girl and the serviceman she was feeding mounted a horse for a race to the finish line.

The proceeds from these events have been donated to Oak Knoll Hospital, and used to buy such fine gifts as waffle irons for ward waffle parties, and a light weight, portable P. A. system for ward entertainment.

Cressmount Stables and Miss C. V. N. Cress deserve a big "Thank you" for the special consideration and donations.

VA Ready to Start Mailing NSL Checks

Washington (AFPS)—The Veterans Administration recently announced it soon will begin issuing vouchers for its forthcoming payment of a \$685 million National Service Life Insurance dividend.

The vouchers will go to the Treasury Department, which will issue the individual checks.

The VA said it expects Treasury checks to start going out in volume by mid-April, paying eligible veterans the average rate of about \$85 each.

Dr. Barton, Chief Henry, Back From Alaska Tell Story of Ice, Ivory and Eskimos

Two members of the Oak Knoll staff recently made an extended trip to Alaska, as part of a BUMED research project. They are LT H. C. Barton, MC, USN, and W. M. Hendry, HMC. The expedition was known as The Bering Sea Ice Reconnaissance Project, Winter 1951, and served as a confidential mission to observe certain conditions in the far north. The group consisted of both civilian and military personnel, and much of the research was carried on aboard the Icebreaker, USS Burton Island.

The party boarded the USS Burton Island at San Diego on 15 January, and arrived in Kodiak on 27 January. Then traveling west through the Unimac Pass and on north to the Bering Sea and great Ice Pack, which was encountered north of the Pribiloff Islands, they proceeded to

Gambell Village on St. Lawrence Island. There they visited the Eskimos, but the stop was short and the party quickly moved on to visit other villages at King Island, located to the north. The ice was reported to be the heaviest in sixty-five years, and the trip proved to be slow and tedious.

At King Island, Medical Officer Hendry made sick-call in about half the villages on the island. There were only two white people on the island, a man and his wife who are hired by the Alaskan Native Service as teachers. The party was served a delicious dinner of Kingcrab and regaled with stories of past Walrus hunts. The Walrus is in part hunted in the subterranean caverns and the ivory used to a great extent in carvings. When the party tried to obtain some of the ivory, they were told that in previous spring Villagers had made a quick trip to Nome, 90 miles away in skin-boats. The ice had moved blocking the return route so the Walrus hunt was over by the time the Eskimos returned. So no Walrus, as a result, no ivory. However, a schoolteacher showed visitors a historic Mastadon ivory that he had obtained in Fairbanks, and Dr. Barton is the proud owner of a seal carved in Mastadon ivory (Mastadons have been extinct about 18,000 years.)

Dr. Barton noted that there is an extremely high incidence of tuberculosis among the King Island Eskimos, largely due to the fact that whole families live in one large room of a dwelling. Also the physical condition of the Eskimo seems to be deteriorated somewhat, perhaps cause of his association with white men. The average Eskimo subsists on coffee, bread, and sugar averages only two meals a day previous to the coming of the white man the Eskimo ate large quantities of food.

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Investing in the future, and starting off the current bond drive in a big way, is L. G. Estes, HMC, of the Environmental Sanitation School. Chief Estes wanted to put his money to the best use possible, so last Monday he bought \$1012.00 worth of U. S. Savings Bonds. Pictured with him is Miss Carmen Lopez, hospital bank teller, who handled the purchase.



Pictured with their instructor, LT R. M. Ware, are four new Orthopedic Appliance Technicians who graduated from the school here at Oak Knoll. They are, left to right, Norman B. Vander Laag, HN, Irvin W. Rose, HMC, Charles Axworthy, HM3, and James C. Palmer, HM3. This was the seventh class to finish the six-month course which trains the men primarily in the manufacture of orthopedic appliances.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 8 April

DEAR BRAT — Mona Freeman, Edward Arnold. COMEDY. This is a new film by Paramount not yet released for reviewing. Should be good.

Monday, 9 April

PETTY GIRL (COLOR) — Robert Cummings, Joan Caulfield. MUSICAL. This is a recent release by Columbia that received wide acclaim. With two top stars playing the leads and a bevy of beautiful girls rounding out the cast, it received a rating of good from all reviewers.

Tuesday, 10 April

YOU'RE IN THE NAVY NOW (formerly U. S. S. Teakettle) — Gary Cooper, Jane Greer. COMEDY. Fox once again comes to the columns of The New Yorker for new ideas and comes up with this one. Although a war-time comedy, the war is always in the background. Cooper plays the part of an inexperienced patrol boat captain with a crew as green as himself. Everything works out fine at the end but plenty of laughs are brought about by some of the antics of the crew. Rated very good.

Wednesday, 11 April

NAVY BOUND — Tom Neal, Regis Tooney. DRAMA. Far more story, interest and

impact are tucked away in this rippling little tale about a sailor boxer than anybody has a reasonable right to expect in its 60-minute dimension. The production will give the audience more down to earth satisfaction than many of the longer and bigger attractions. Rated very good by reviewers.

Thursday, 12 April

THE FAT MAN — Jack Smart, Julie London. MYSTERY. This is a recent Universal release that will please all suspense-loving audiences. Should be an interesting 77 minutes.

Friday, 13 April

SHORT GRASS — Rod Cameron, Cathy Downs. DRAMA. This is one of Allied Artists best movies, portraying the West in a way that is seldom accomplished. Rod Cameron plays the part of a drifter who finds it necessary to kill in self-defense. He has to leave the territory but returns later and helps bring justice to the state of New Mexico. Rated excellent.

Saturday, 14 April

BUCCANEER'S GIRL (COLOR) — Yvonne DeCarlo, Robert Douglas. ADVENTURE. Universal released this movie early last year and found it well received by the public. If you like a good adventure story you will enjoy this one.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

EM CENTER DANCE: Levis, plaids, and gingham were the order at the last EM Center dance. All that was needed was a little straw and a few cornstalks and you would have thought you were back in the wild and woolly West. Lu Moore wore her new Honolulu "Hilo Hattie" hat; made of green palm fronds and sporting a tiny straw bird on a tall reed — "Reggie" Spatz was tucked out from all the western dances — Wilson Manuel didn't sit out a dance. He's one boy who goes to a dance strictly for dancing only — Leon Herzog showed up in blinding red plaid. Someone said he dyed it over at the pharmacy — Talk about Western zoot-suiters and you think of "Pappy" Papadakis; levis, suit-coat, ribbon tie, and saddle shoes. Strictly an Eastern conception of a Westerner — Russ Hermanson borrowed his big uncle's overalls. They were big enough for Potts, Earl Walsh, and Hermanson — George Wright was snuggled real close to his dancing partner. It couldn't have been the cold! It must have been contagious because his buddy, Dick Weaver, soon followed suit — Shy Jay Clark, the pride of the galley corpsmen, had an admiring bevy of student nurses about him — Bill Nichols showed up with green freckles, high-top shoes and overalls. From his style of dancing, you'd think he was born and raised in the corn country — The juke box was as popular as the orchestra — Wonder why they don't use some colored lights at the dances — Morris Munic was worn to a frazzle, what with the refreshments, dancing, and frequent intermission for "air" — The usual people worked hard to make it a success, but much credit should go to Fred Comas who managed the dance and took care of the decora-



Pictured above as she takes over her new duties as Disbursing Officer at Oak Knoll, is LTJG Norma M. Brown, SC, USNR. With her is LT M. B. Kozik, SC, USN, former Disbursing Officer, who is to report to NOB, Guam, for duty as Commissary Officer. For LTJG Brown this is the first duty station after being recalled to active duty from the reserve. She is a native of Sacramento, California, and has been attending Louisiana State University for the past year.

tions — The usual crowd showed up plus a few hundred more — The baby sitters came in for a lot of attention. One of the girls was French and all of a sudden everyone was a linguist and so solicitous over the children. **STUFF 'N STUFF:** Transportation's "Buck" Wheat has his own hillbilly band. The crowd at Livermore go mad over his music. Wonder if he'll play for us sometime? Speaking of celebrities, Lena Horne is coming to the Fairmont Hotel. She'd look good on our stage, wouldn't she? — If you think only children have water fights, you should see Harrison and Griffith go at it sometime — Pathology's Nora Wade has an engagement ring. Sparkles like a zircon, but it's real. I know, I scratched my window with it — Rose Stewart gets her glamorous tan from fishing at Antioch. Not only does she stay healthy, but she gets her dinners that way — DeWitt Sullivan is the latest to lose his bachelorhood — Mary Weber has a new job (telephone operator) and a new Kaiser. How lucky can you get? — Walt Connick looked like he had been tonsured after his last GI haircut — Wonder how much trouble it would be to stagger the chairs in the movies — Joe Drexler is celebrating his involuntary enlistment for another year. "What's another year," he asks? — Pete Bowers and Chief Cannell are getting in a lot of golfing now — That's one of the reasons Petie likes night duty — Madeline Martin's man sent her a huge check to buy some new glad rags. Wonder who I could see for some help in that direction — John Reische surprised little Bob Mumma busily cutting out stencil so he could mark his new HM3 rate on his skivvies — Jean Naylor walks a bit taller now since she made HM2 — Billy Roberts won't even talk to us lower rated men — HA Britt received his orders to report for flight training at Pensacola — It's a far cry from HA to a "fly-fly" boy.



"Duffy's Tavern and Dance", sponsored by the National Federation of Federal Employees, was held in the Jenny Lind Hall last Friday night, with some 300 NFFE members and guests attending. The program was presented by the San Mateo Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, with dancing under the direction of Frank and Kay Lorenze. Twenty-four Korea casualties were among the guests. Miss Dorothy Thompson, of Oak Knoll, drew the tickets for door prizes. Winners were Mrs. W. M. Falk, who won a traveling alarm clock, Laura Scott, of NAS, who won a home-made cake. Master of Ceremonies for the program and dance was Don Stone, son of Mrs. Anna P. Stone, Oak Knoll collection agent and NFFE treasurer. Highlighting the program were folk dance demonstrations by Frank and Kay Lorenze, who did Spanish, Italian, Mexican, and German folk dances. Folk dancing was followed by regular dancing and everybody took part. Refreshments were served throughout the evening and all present had a grand time.



When the New York Yankees were in the Bay Area recently for exhibition games, five members of their group visited the hospital. The visit was arranged by Major General Graves B. Erskine, USMC, Department of Pacific. Pictured above as they talked about the coming baseball season are, left to right, Sgt. V. Beauchamp, LT F. W. Muetzel, Frank Shea, Hank Bower (ex-Marine Raider), Pfc. J. D. White, Bob Porterfield, Joe Collins, Cliff Mapes, W. H. Clage, SK3, and Sgt. J. J. Martin.

Welcome and Farewell

Another busy week was reported by the Personnel Offices at Oak Knoll as sixty-four reported aboard and thirty-seven were detached during the week ending 3 April.

Reporting aboard were LT's Goldie F. Haigh, Barbara J. Spitzmiller, and Maurine W. Johnston, from inactive duty; LT L. V. Tyler, Jr., from Marine Transport Squadron 152; LTJG's Leona J. McKiel, Arlene V. Kissner, and Eleanor A. Torkelson, from inactive duty; LTJG T. L. Althausen, from 6th Army, 6513th ASU, Ft. MacArthur, Calif.; LTJG B. B. Levin, from 6th Army, 6012th ASU, USA Hospital, Camp Stoneman, Calif.; LTJG H. L. Sanders, from MSTs, Atlantic.

C. Weed, HMC, and HM1's H. L. Huggins, G. H. Dolliner, H. T. Sifford, R. C. Schultz, R. H. McCann, M. E. Jelick, J. N. Hall, M. E. Edwards, H. E. Cornell, Jr., A. J. Christenson, W. D. Bowles, W. F. Davis, and C. W. Durbin; and HM2's L. V. Bowman, C. S. Shirley, R. L. Gillett, D. E. Dearth, L. T. Baker, C. W. Bart-ruff, K. G. Taylor, J. D. Paslay, V. P. Padilla, H. Hergengrader, and R. V. Althausen, from USNRS, Treasure Island, California.

HM3's G. R. Zeifler, R. H. Webb, F. F. Summers, R. K. Smith, H. E.

Sitz, M. K. Shanahan, W. R. Sewell, P. E. Ralls, K. T. Maxwell, L. E. J. Kean, R. F. Hamm, J. R. Fyfe, Jr., G. C. Cooksey, R. H. Burkett, Jr., F. L. Bartlett, D. A. Gilley, L. W. Hughes, B. E. Ditmore, H. Wong, C. Mathison, and L. D. Robinson; HN's D. G. Hanna, K. Canterbury, J. B. Chambers, C. E. Comfort, H. R. Shoemaker, B. L. Miller, and D. F. Mann, from USNRS, Treasure Island, California; and W. J. Gelien, HA, from USNRS, Treasure Island, California.

Detached were LT's Helen G. Sedam, F. E. Martin, and R. D. Owen, to inactive duty; LT Gladys M. Merwin, to NAS, Atlantic City, New Jersey; LTJG R. M. Jaeger, to Com 12, FFT; LTJG Ellen Norton, and ENS Beverly A. Hoellwarth, to inactive duty; HM2's W. R. Van Atta, J. P. Henley, R. A. Eiseman; HM3's H. Jones, Jr., G. D. Gregory, J. L. Gray, R. G. Fox, R. L. Davis, D. Collins, J. O. Butler, W. L. Bollman, B. L. Barton, L. W. Moore, J. C. Pankey, P. P. Ross, T. R. Moore, and HN's L. E. Hutton, T. M. Meguiar, Jr., D. L. McLaughlin, L. C. Johnston, E. O. Howard, J. Herrera, G. Hampton, G. L. Fulcher, A. L. Foster, A. F. Estes, B. V. Dominguez, A. E. Branch, A. J. Avellar, and L. W. Appe, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Cal., FFT.

Two Staff Members Back From Alaska

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of seal meat and managed three meals a day.

Research studies in the Great Ice Pack were made exciting when the ship became ice-locked for eighteen hours and had to be blasted loose with dynamite. During the blasting to free the ship, a large piece of ice was blown high into the air and destroyed one of the ship's two helicopters when it landed. Dr. Barton and Chief Henry report that the entire crew enjoyed good health, the only mishaps being a few minor cases of frostbite.

150 Patients Attend Oaks-Portland Game

One hundred and fifty patients enjoyed the Pacific Coast League opener last week, as the team from Portland took the Oaks on their home field. Three bus-loads of patients left the Hospital at 1330, then proceeded to the Oakland Stadium to enjoy the game from reserved seats. The afternoon included hot dogs, pop, popcorn, and all the trimmings to go with an afternoon at the "Great American Game."

As a highlight to the afternoon CPL Corbett A. Ray, winner of the Silver Star, and Oak Knoll patient, was chosen to throw in the first ball of the game.

Officers' Golf Team To Play Letterman

The Officers' golf team from Oak Knoll was challenged by the Officers' golf team at the Letterman General Hospital, for a match to be played Thursday, 5 April, 1951. Chosen to represent Oak Knoll in the match, in the positions numbered, were: (1) LTJG R. M. Ware, (2) CDR James Dillon, (3) LT Julius Spence, (4) CDR Milton Kurzrok, (5) CAPT G. H. Ekblad, (6) LTJG Robert McGinnis, (7) LCDR A. P. Daul. The group will lunch at Letterman General Hospital then proceed, to the Presidio Golf Course for the match.

LT Robert Ware, Golf Team Manager, report that the Hospital Golf Team is rapidly being molded into shape for the coming 12ND Golf Team League. The league is scheduled to start the week of 9 April.

Beginning on 10 April, volleyballers from the 12ND will compete for high honors in the 12ND tourney. There are still positions open on the Hospital team, and all interested parties are urged to contact Welfare and Recreation as soon as possible. Joe Reginato, athletic director, especially urges all basketball players to participate in volleyball to keep coordination and timing well polished.

Efforts have been made to have all Hospital baseball practice scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday at 1300. Baseball mentor Reginato feels that a consistent practice schedule will be much more convenient in getting the players out to practice. With practice held only twice a week, while competing teams are practicing every day and already playing practice games, it is necessary that all members of the baseball team show up for every practice session, and that all experienced players make arrangements to participate. At the first practice about thirty men turned out, of which only seventeen are left.

Just received is a bulletin giving the schedule of play in the Bay Area Armed Forces Baseball league. On Tuesday, 17 April, U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, plays Two Rock Ranch Station; Thursday, 19 April, Oak Knoll will tangle with Camp Stoneman, and on Tuesday, 24 April, the Knollites meet the team from the Presidio of San Francisco. For the final round of play on Thursday, 26 April, Oak Knoll meets the Naval Base, Treasure Island.

An urgent need still exists for pitchers for the Nurses' Softball team. Competition for the Armed Forces league gets closer with every issue of the Oak Leaf—and still more players are needed. The league begins on 17 May.

In the first of the Inter-league Badminton series, Oak Knoll had a bad night last Wednesday evening. Alameda took three single matches and one double match away from the Oak Knoll feathered-bird experts.

Staff Picnic!

There will be a staff picnic on Sunday, 15 April, in the Oakland Area of the Redwood Regional Park. All members of the hospital staff should contact Welfare and Recreation immediately to make reservations.

Girl to a date in night club: "I think I'll have another drink. It makes you so witty."



Displaying the excellent form that won him the Hospital Golf Championship, is LT Robert Ware, of the Artificial Limb Department. LT Ware defeated Fete Bowers, HM1, CAPT G. K. Ekblad, and CDR Kurzrok to gain top golf honors. Mr. Ware gained 5th place in the 12ND Golf Tourney and was runner-up in the

LTJG Ware Wins Golf Championship

LTJG R. M. Ware, of the Artificial Limb Department, has been crowned the new hospital golf champion. LT Ware took the championship by shutting out CDR Milton Kurzrok, Head, Pediatrics Department, on the fifteenth hole. CDR Kurzrok picked up a bogie on the fourteenth while Mr. Ware parred, then losing the match, six down, with four holes to play.

The championship match was played at the Alameda Golf Club last week. LT Ware came into the finals by defeating Pete Bowers, HM1, and CAPT G. H. Ekblad. CDR Kurzrok reached final play by winning over S. A. Cannell, HMC, going on to defeat Willie Jeffers, HN, in one of the closest matches of the season.

Hot Springs, N. M. (AFPS)—The name of this town has been changed by a vote of six to one. It's now Hot Springs or Consequences, N. M.

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Educational Services Office to Reopen

The Educational Services Office in Building 132 has been undergoing extensive repairs and improvements and will reopen within the next two weeks, according to LTJG D. R. Stutler, officer in charge. Practically unlimited opportunities for self-improvement are offered to the ambitious Navy man, and many patients and staff are taking advantage of the courses available.

A summary of the educational services now available for patients and staff of the hospital has recently been issued by the Educational Services Office.

1. Counseling and Guidance service is available to enlisted personnel who need any type of academic work to aid them in preparing for advancement in rating or for continuing their general education or vocational preparation, and to all officers who desire to improve themselves professionally or to increase their general knowledge.

2. Navy Training Courses are worked and issued under the program for advancement in rating. Individuals may obtain copies from a supply of courses which are available.

3. Education Manuals covering a wide variety of subjects, academic, technical, and vocational, at both high school and college levels, are stocked for loan to service personnel for self-study. Testing service is available without charge.

4. Off-duty courses at accredited colleges, universities, and junior colleges are available under a limited appropriation. Requests are screened and appropriate action taken in granting financial support (currently \$15 per course per semester or quarter) which may be applied only toward payment of tuition. Approval is restricted to courses which clearly contribute to improve performance of duty or professional capabilities of applicants, and assist officers and men to meet professional qualifications. These courses are also available to Reserve personnel on active duty when the period of continuous active duty will probably be twelve months or more.

5. GED (General Educational Development) Tests are designed to measure the degree of a serviceman's educational maturity regardless of the source from which the knowledge was obtained.

The High School Battery consists of five comprehensive examinations, and may be used to determine whether an individual has the equivalent of a general high school education.

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First Staff Picnic This Year, Sunday

The first staff picnic of the year will be held tomorrow, 15 April, in the Orchard Area of Redwood Regional Park.

Staff enlisted men, their wives and dates are invited to attend the festivities, with food and refreshments to be furnished. The bus will leave the Community Service Building here at 1230 and proceed directly to the picnic area.

All members of the staff who were stationed here at Oak Knoll last summer will remember the success of staff picnics. Games this time will include softball, horseshoe pitching, and many others.

The weatherman says that good weather is to be expected for the event, so all members of the staff who wish to attend should sign up in the Welfare and Recreation Office immediately. Remember, the date of the picnic is tomorrow.

Chaplain's Office Plans New Station Choir

"Music Hath Charms"—The Chaplain's office is contemplating the organization of a station Mixed Choir. All members of the hospital staff (men and women, Officer and Enlisted) who are interested in participating, are urged to contact Chaplain J. A. Whitman's office.

The organization will include a pianist and organist, preferably musicians with experience. Anyone desiring to fill such positions should contact Chaplain Whitman.

\$50,000 X-ray Addition Now Under Construction

You've probably been one of the sidewalk superintendents who have observed the new structure going up next to the X-ray building and have wondered what it is. Worry no longer—here's the dope.

It is the new \$50,000 addition to the X-ray Department. Captain H. F. Ransford, CEC, USN, Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco, is officer in charge of construction, while LT W. H. Griffiths, Jr., CEC, USN, the hospital's public works officer, is the resident officer in charge.

The building is scheduled to be completed in approximately four months. It will be of frame construction covered with asbestos shingles. When finished, it will provide two thousand square feet of additional space for offices and radiological facilities.



Captain I. L. V. Norman, MC, USN

CAPT I. L. Norman Now on Duty As Executive Officer At Oak Knoll

When Captain I. L. V. Norman took over the executive officer's desk and duties Monday, it was the third time he had relieved Captain J. N. C. Gordon. The first time was in 1929 as Junior Medical Officer aboard the U.S.S. Arizona. Again in 1944, Captain Norman "took over" from Captain Gordon as executive officer at U. S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach, for a two-year tour of duty. From that station the new exec moved down the coast to San Diego to serve as Chief of Medicine. (There he was relieved by Captain E. F. Evans, former Chief of Medicine at Oak Knoll, who again relieved him for transfer to his new post here.)

Comes from Bethesda

Captain Norman comes to Oak Knoll from U. S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, where he has served as Chief of the Medical Service since August, 1948. There he was instrumental in organizing a number of clinics for treatment and training purposes. While at the Medical Center, he also served as consultant in internal medicine for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

The new Executive Officer, a native of Minnesota, began his Navy career in 1927 when he was commis-

sioned a lieutenant, junior grade, in the Navy Medical Corps immediately after his graduation from the University of Minnesota Medical School. Since then he has held a variety of assignments at sea and ashore. In 1940 he was sent to London to serve as Assistant Naval Attache to the American Embassy, and following that assignment, he attended the Naval War College, graduating in 1942. During World War II he served in both the European and Asiatic theaters, in the latter as Fleet Medical Officer for the Seventh Fleet.

Certified to Board

Captain Norman has been certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, is a member of the American College of Physicians, and is the author of a number of articles that have appeared in medical journals.

The new executive officer and his wife will occupy quarters overlooking the hospital and a nearby golf course, where they hope to brush up on their favorite sport. Although Mrs. Norman was once a resident of Florida, she is open-minded about the California climate, and both are looking forward with pleasure to their tour of duty in the Bay Area.

The Oak Leaf

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, is one of the most beautiful spots in the United States. On my way there several years ago, I stopped in Alexandria, Virginia, to see some of the revered relics of the Father of our Country. Among them is a little penknife with this inspiring story:

While Washington was still a little boy at Wakefield, Virginia, his home burned down. Then his father moved the family to a plantation near Fredericksburg. To this city came ships with foreign goods to be exchanged for the raw materials of Virginia. What boy would not be filled with dreams of distant lands brought nearer by these ships? His half-brother, Lawrence, sailed with the British navy; so George persuaded him to let him join the fleet. Then he hurried home to bid good-bye to his mother. To his request for permission his mother replied: "For one thing, my son, you are too young to leave home. Another thing, the life is unsuited to a boy of fourteen." Trained in obedience from infancy, George submitted to the wish of his mother. She was so pleased that she gave him a white-handled knife with this good advice: "Always obey your superiors."

That precious penknife was with him until his death fifty years later. From year to year it meant more to him as indicated by this incident.

When Washington was Commander-in-Chief of the patriots of the Revolution, he once showed the knife to his chief of staff, General Henry Knox, telling how he received it and repeating his mother's words: "Always obey your superiors."

Came the terrible winter of 1777 at Valley Forge. Freezing and feeble, his suffering army was losing faith in the leader. General Washington felt that Congress was failing to back him up with foods and supplies. Sympathy for his men drove him almost to despair. The strain was more than he could stand. He would hand over command to another; so he penned his resignation to Congress. Then he called his officers to tell them his decision. General Knox was present. He saw the precious penknife upon the written resignation. Thoughtfully Knox picked it up and silently handed it to Washington. Then he asked his Commander-in-Chief: "Have you any orders to leave your post?" "No," answered Washington.

The point was clear; the penknife settled it. He was sworn to obey the orders of Congress. Obey he would; so he tossed the resignation into the fire.

Had Washington disregarded his mother's wish, had he resigned, what might have happened to the new-born nation? Truly that penknife is precious.

It points a lesson most necessary right now—obedience to the laws of God and of our country. "Always obey your superiors," is a patriotic lesson; it is a religious lesson also.

We need all the lessons of Washington's life. We need the respect he had for his mother. We need his courtesy and patience. We need his spirit of work, his temperance, his bravery. More than all else, we need his spiritual ideals. Religion and morality are still what he called them, "the pillars of America."

—A. T. WALLACE, Catholic Chaplain.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945

SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100

FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY

1930—In Chaplains' Office—Ward 40A

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES

0630 — 0900 — 1215

DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1150

Confessions before Mass

NOVENA DEVOTIONS:

TUESDAY 1900

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN

CHAPEL & 40A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE — 40A

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 1000

in Staff Conference Room,

Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request to the Chaplains' Office

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Staff Member Re-enlists In Regular Navy

One member of the Oak Knoll staff re-enlisted during the past week. He was Charles H. McGraw, Jr., HN, of Ward 46A. McGraw hails from Spartanburg, South Carolina, where he first enlisted 10 April, 1948. He took "boot training" at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, and then went to Hospital Corps School in the same city. From there he reported for duty at Oak Knoll 16 September, 1948.

McGraw is currently enjoying "shipping-over" leave in South Carolina.

Old Lady: "And what's your name, my good man?"

Convict: "999989."

Old Lady: "Oh, but that's not your real name."

Convict: "Naw, that's only my pen name."



San Leandro Mariner Scouts recently visited the Red Cross Lounge and served cookies to the patients. Taking part in the festivities were, left to right: Jim Moos, AA, USN, R. R. Surber, FN, USN, D. L. Green, SN, USN, Pfc. James Burwell, USMC, Barbara Jones, Mariner Scout, Allen J. Morris, SN, USN, Barney Fuller, AN, USN, Mrs. Natalie Marino, Oakland Red Cross, Gray Lady, Pfc. Thomas Willette, USMC, Edna Mae Wiley, Mariner Scout, and Nancy Brooks, Mariner Scout. A good time was had by all at the party and it is hoped the Mariners can return soon.

Red Cross Ramblings

GUYS, GALS, DOLLS

Something new and terrific has been added. The Theta Delta Xi Sorority, Beta Chapter of Oakland, is bringing a full hour-and-a-half show to the Red Cross Lounge on Monday, 16 April. Headliners from San Francisco and Oakland Television Shows will be presented. Glen Haywood will be featured with his magic tricks and ventriloquism. The Lounge will have a gay night club atmosphere, so bring your ward pal along and have some fun.

CHESS FANS, PLEASE NOTE

On 11 April, another one of those interesting matches with the California School for the Blind was held. These men use a little different set of men. For instance, the white team may have pointed tops on all of his men, while the black team will have rounded tops to all his men. This way, they can tell where the different men are located. It was interesting to watch, especially so when they won the match.

We will have more of these exciting games on succeeding Wednesday evenings. On 17 April, Letterman General Hospital will bring their contestants to play our men. Cutter Laboratories Team of Berkeley will spend an evening here at chess 18 April. The Pacific Bell Telephone Company will participate on 25 April. This should be entertaining for some of you fellows who think that women can't play a fast game of chess.

More scores are coming in from the individual players on the wards and more are wanted. This is the only way we are able to determine who are the champion players and then, who is interested in making trips for outside competition. Give your scores to any Gray Lady and win some of those prizes. Incidentally, we would like to find a patient who would be interested in picking up the scores. Mrs. Margo Courtois, a new Gray Lady "wizz zee French accent and zee oo-la-la personality" is now assisting in promoting chess activities on the compound. Ask the boys on the Orthopedic and Amputee Wards, 41, 42, and 43, about the chess tournament. The game there is running rampant! Scores are high. See the

Red Cross worker on your ward if you want to join, or would like a little more instruction.

SOURCE OF SUPPLY

When bed patients become welling patients, the area gets small and their ambitions get bigger. For instance: A Craft Gray Lady can carry a band saw or a potter's wheel in a basket. Come on down to the Craft Shop, Building 31, where you can spend happy and useful hours making beautiful gifts or handy gadgets of your own choosing while convalescing. You are welcome to see the fine equipment and materials between 0930 and 1130 and from 1130 to 1600 five days a week. The Craft Shop is also open Monday and Tuesday evenings from 1900 to 2100. Mrs. Christiana, Red Cross recreation worker, stands ready to help you with any craft project which intrigues you.

PINOCHLE

This past week Wards 63A and 63B were shuffling pinochle cards at a fast pace. No less than twenty patients signed up for a tournament and carried it through with strong competitive enthusiasm. While the winner of the consolation prize is to be determined, the champion of the ward is held by partners, Elmer Beamer, SA, of 63A. Run up team was made up of Gail Gundari, Veteran, and Samuel T. TA, of the A side. Perhaps another ward would like to challenge this team from up there on the How's about it, fellows?

Hemet, Calif. (AFPS) — A Fire Chief Mike Dunn, while upside down at 10,000 feet, dropped his badge. It was returned to him by a labor camp worker. The badge was dropped into the worker's pocket.

Great Books Group Holds First Meeting

Oak Knoll's Great Books discussion group held its first meeting last Thursday afternoon at 1500 in the Medical Library of the Administration Building. The Declaration of Independence and selections from the Bible were the great writings under discussion.

The group will meet every week at the same time and place. New members are still invited to join. There are no tuition fees and no educational requirements other than the ability and willingness to do the readings. Staff and civilian personnel and adult members of their families are all invited.

Next Thursday's discussion will be on Plato's "Apology" and "Crito." Interested persons may learn more about the program from the Red Cross, which is sponsoring the group at Oak Knoll.

Other readings in the first year list include selections from Thucydides, Aristophanes, Aristotle, Plutarch, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Machiavelli, Montaigne, Shakespeare, Locke, Rousseau, the Federalist Papers, Adam Smith, and Marx.

What is the Great Books program? Says a Great Books Foundation leaflet: "It is liberal education, designed to liberate the mind of man from prejudice, partiality, and preoccupation with passing fancy. It is general education, designed to enable men and women to act intelligently and independently in every phase of private and public life. It is democratic education, within the power of every ordinarily intelligent person with or without—or in spite of—previous education. It is education for freedom."



Displaying a million dollar smile over the thousand dollars in prizes that he won, is Leland Gentzler, HMI, of Welfare and Recreation department. Gentzler won the thousand dollars in prizes as a guest on the "Treasure Tune Show" on KCBS, sponsored by the Dairy Belle Farms, by answering three questions leading up to a jackpot question. The final coup d'grace was when Gentzler identified the unknown tune as "Sailing Down the Chesapeake Bay" which he had heard his father sing many years ago.



It takes many good men to see a project through, especially when they act both as researchers and guinea pigs. Receiving I.V. injections of experimental plasma substitute (above) are, CAPT A. Zikmund, MC, USN, LTJG J. R. Kimmel, MC, USN, and R. K. Borror, HN, as ENS Darlene M. Koch, Robert Paquette, HM3, and LTJG Chester Klein, watch the operation. Also engaged in the experiment are Hospital Corpsmen who process substitute blood plasma. (Lower right) from left to right are R. L. Howard, HM3 (with glasses), E. L. Hendrix, HM2, C. A. Rall, HN, J. P. Sidwell, HM3, and L. E. Simcho, HMI.

Plasma Substitute Being Studied Here

What would be the greatest immediate need should an atom bomb raid strike the Oakland area? The answer is blood plasma.

At Oak Knoll, something is being done about meeting this need if it arises. Under the supervision of Captain A. R. Higgins, Chief, Medical Service, and Dr. Harold Harper, civilian consultant in metabolic research, two hospital doctors, LTJG J. R. Kimmel, MC, USN, an authority on bio-chemistry, and LTJG Chester Klein, MC, USN, are working on a project to develop a substitute for blood plasma. Some success has been achieved in the use of oxypolygelatine, which is made from animal bone and is similar to Knox gelatine after it has been treated.

It is not expected that substitute blood plasma will entirely replace regular blood plasma. But if a successful substitute is developed, it is expected that much of the need for plasma, especially for shock treatment, will be met. One advantage of the new substitute is that it eliminates the danger of homologous serum jaundice, sometimes brought about by the use of regular plasma.

Six volunteers to lend their arms for intravenous injection of the oxypolygelatine substitute are needed per week—and there's a steak dinner in it for each of them.

So if you would like to help in an important undertaking and if you like steak, telephone or come in person to Ward 46A and make an appointment with either Dr. Kimmel or Dr. Klein.



Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll's Personnel Offices were kept hopping for another week as thirty-one new staff members reported aboard and fifty-six were detached during the week ending 10 April.

Reporting aboard were LTJG N. E. Anderson, from 6th Army, 6002nd, ASU, Presidio, San Francisco, Calif.; LTJG H. E. Vandervoort, from Madigan Army Hospital, Ft. Lewis, Wash.; LTJG L. H. Joslin, from Trust Territory of the Pacific Island, Office of Civil Administrator; LTJG H. B. Brackin, Jr., from 2nd Army, 2128th ASU, Ft. Knox, Ky.; E. V. Spratt, DTGC, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; D. C. Fisher, HMS, from NAS, Moffett Field, Calif.; H. C. Maduro, HMC, from First Marine Division; A. H. Sockwell, HMI, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Bremerton, Wash.; HMI's C. L. Glick and J. B. Leffingwell, HM2's M. F. Gillett, G. Pedersen, T. E. Lawless, P. G. Chew, and H. R. Brown, HM3's W. C. Moulton, J. A. Kohler and A. D. Hodges, and R. N. McGraw, HN, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; HA's G. J. Zissis, J. W. Switzer, W. F. Moyer, T. E. Matthews, A. A. Kreuger, H. Katz, J. W. Karvia, and N. W. Heywood, from U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif.; HA's B. R. Comer and C. C. Carr, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Calif.; and HA's J. L. Abbey and D. W. Byrenes, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.

Detached were LTJG G. S. Hannah, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Bremerton, Wash.; F. L. Wallace, HMC,

to Naval Recruiting Service, Washington, D. C.; HMC's C. O. Martin and R. S. Nihoul, to FMF, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; H. W. Avera, HMC, to FMF, Camp LeJeune, N. C.; K. W. Therrel, HMI, to FMF, Camp LeJeune, N. C.; HMI's C. J. Highley and W. W. Bradley, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; E. F. Gray, HMI, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Calif.; R. R. Reece, HMI, to Naval Supply Annex, Stockton, Calif.; HM2's R. D. Pearsall, W. J. McMillen, H. E. McClellan, and A. H. Davis, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; J. C. Foster, HM2, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md.; J. D. Fehrenbach, HM2, to U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif.; HM2's J. E. Guthrie and F. A. Ikerd, and HM3's F. C. Scott, R. E. Ryan, R. A. Leary, L. Hewett, Jr., C. E. Grace, and C. O. Dodson, to FMF, Camp LeJeune, N. C.; J. Smythe, HM3, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Oceanside, Calif.; R. F. Montgomery, HM3, to Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.; HM3's D. W. Eisele, G. A. Robrogel and R. J. English, and HN's L. N. Consentino, W. R. Commean, F. J. Werner, L. L. Thissen, M. C. Taber, D. Sullivan, D. R. Solum, R. B. Selby, L. E. Schofield, J. L. Reynolds, L. B. Proffitt, E. C. Pressnall, A. R. Parr, M. N. Ososke, C. L. Morgan, D. F. Mintz, R. F. Wells, W. L. Poole, B. G. Norman, M. O. McGaughy, D. L. Leighty, J. Landauer, Jr., and F. W. Lake, Jr., to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; R. J. Halcomb, HN, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Oceanside, Calif.; and H. R. Britt, HA, to Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida.



When LTJG Robert J. Harvey, MC, USN (center), was awarded the Bronze Star medal last Monday, two brother officers from his old Marine company were on hand for the presentation. Lieut. John Wachter, USMC (left), stopped off on his way to new duty with the Marine Department of Atlantic, Quantico, Virginia. Lieut. Robert Bohn, USMC (right), presently stationed at the 12th Naval District, San Francisco, was company commander of their old outfit. When Lieutenant Bohn was wounded during World War II, Doctor Harvey helped evacuate him.

Station Personalities



When you call Ward 46B, Metabolic Research Ward, the deep resonant voice that mumbles into the telephone, "It's your nickel, go head," will in all probability belong to **R. L. Adamson**, HN, ward corpsman. Adamson, whose home is in Long Beach, California, re-enlisted in the U. S. Navy 6 September, 1950, in Fresno, California. He reported to Oak Knoll for duty on 20 September, and has been detailed in Metabolic Research since that time.

Adamson is unmarried, and has no particular plans in that direction in the near future. He has no special hobbies (unless going out on liberty is a hobby), but says that he is open to suggestions.

The young man who has the special ability to get along with the ladies (especially the younger ones), is **W. O. Stephens**, HN, of Ward 72B. Stephens enlisted in the Navy in Denver, Colorado, 19 July, 1948, and took his "boot training" at NTC, San Diego. He attended Hospital Corps School in the same city, and then reported to Oak Knoll for duty in January of 1949.

Upon reporting to Oak Knoll, Stephens spent one month on Ward 63A, seven months in Neurosurgery, and for the past 21 months has been working the Pediatrics ward.

He is unmarried, was a student before entering the Navy, and likes most all sports, including baseball, football, basketball, and tennis. Stephens says he thoroughly enjoys his work, mostly because it is unusual, and he likes children. He has aspirations to attend college later to further his professional training and feels that his work in the Hospital Corps is giving him a good basis for further study.



Oak Knoll Doctor Receives Bronze Star

One Bronze Star and seven Purple Heart medals were awarded by Captain J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, commanding officer of the hospital, during ceremonies last Monday.

The Bronze Star was presented to LTJG Robert J. Harvey, MC, USN, whose citation read: "For meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy while serving with a Marine Infantry Battalion in Korea from 15 September to 2 November 1950 . . . Lieutenant Harvey, serving as battalion surgeon, displayed outstanding professional skill, ability and confidence in the performance of his duties. Regardless of his own personal fatigue, he worked long arduous hours to perform difficult operations, and administer medical attention and comfort to casualties of his battalion."

Purple Heart medals were given to Pfc. Jimmy E. Burwell, USMCR, Houston, Texas; Cpl. Carl L. Cash, USMC, Charlottesville, Virginia; Pfc. Howard D. Coffel, USMCR, Amsterdam, Missouri; Pfc. Glen A. Kane, USMCR, Boyce, Idaho; Pfc. John M. Rhodenbaugh, USMCR, Sioux City, Iowa; Cpl. Edward O. Williams, USMC, Huntington Park, California; and LT Harold T. White, USMC, Oakland, California.

Travel Rates Raised For All Enlisted Men

Washington (AFPS) — Armed Forces enlisted personnel on change of station orders now receive the same monetary travel allowances authorized for officers.

The increased allowances authorized by the Career Compensation Act of 1949 and outlined in JAAF Bulletin, number 30 and Naval Travel Regulations, increase the enlisted man's mileage rate from three to six cents a mile, while the officer's mileage rate is reduced two cents a mile.

A per diem rate of \$9 a day is authorized for all personnel.

Some liberalization of allowances for dependents' travel will occur, but no change in the paid shipment of household effects is contemplated.

The regulations, effective April 1, 1951, place a limit on the family mileage allowance of 18 cents a mile. This maximum is arrived at by allowing six cents for each dependent two years or older, not to exceed two in number and three cents a mile for each additional dependent over 12 years. Dependents between the ages of five and twelve are allowed three cents a mile.

Hawaiian Theme Dance Tonight in CPO Club

The dance of the month will be held in the C.P.O. club, 14 April (tonight), with dancing from 2100 to 2400. The theme of the dance will be in the Hawaiian vein, by popular request, with the music being provided by Bud Cheek and his orchestra, and Sani Palmer, vocalist.

On 20 April, the first of the new Bingo Game series will begin, with many unusual prizes to be given away. The drawing is to begin at 2030, and the evening will feature the second drawing for the Jackpot prize, worth \$55.00 in value.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

STUFF 'N STUFF: Andy McC

was in Los Angeles a week end ago, on temporary additional duty. While waiting to return to the Area, he was offered a ticket to a radio give-away program by a stranger. Andy was chosen as a contestant and naturally won a prize.

Others win homes, radios, cars, television sets, money, but not Andy won a case of BEANS—On the other hand, Leland Gentzler went to a give-away program in this area on Friday, which also happened to be his birthday. He won \$1,000 in prizes. His birthday was more than happy. By the way, Welfare Recreation has tickets for the shows. Lennie Green was passing cigars like mad last week. No one didn't become a father; just a HM3—Now that Jere Hodges advanced from HN to HM3, he's contemplating marrying his little friend out Utah-way. See how the extra money will make a boy's head—Don Dearth has a smoking girl-friend. His money for Coronas and other expensive cigars—Vincent Padilla spends week ends golfing in the San hills—You should have seen W. Jefferson at the Mark Lewis wedding reception. His yellow bow stole the spotlight—The Record Office's Rita Dondajewski had a name changed to Rita Sula. Marriage did it! Now we can pronounce her name—Dr. Naomi Lund is the piano and organ duo at the Century Club—Didja know the bass player, John Erickson, has a B.A. in Music? —Oak Knoll has as many schools as a university, well, almost. Neuro-psychiatry nursing, X-ray Laboratory, Operating Room, Commissary, Urology, and Environmental Sanitation—Anne Badalato had a mustering off-duty watch gap in she swished by in her civilian dress—Edna Rowan wins lots of free for Welfare and Recreation with pleasant ways—Ethel Gray, the telephone operator, has saved a much money on her lettuce diet—she's splurging on a new Porsche—Morris Munic showed up for the other A.M. with a finger that's been bitten, and also had to get a tetanus shot. What does he do in his off-duty hours?—There's a "Number, please" girl: a blonde by the name of Jane Brumcombe—Ray Babin's Louisiana keeps the mailman's pouch—Guess that's why he's been here—"A Treasury of the World's Love Letters" with him all Chief Anderberg is making interesting plans for the Staff Party on Sunday. He says there'll be beer, softball and horseshoes and for the rest, you'll have to be there to find out—Now it's the old Office gang that have taken the races. I hear some of them are shy, so they have Stanley and Bob Grubb spending their money at the \$2.00 a week. There was a petition up to get Grubb to run against the staff but the Turf Committee couldn't be persuaded—Mary Dolores H. secret is known to everyone a week end she'll become a mother. Guess you know, half the staff this compound will die of heart attacks.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

1 April
 HORN, Michael Eugene, to wife of Charles Horn, ETC, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
 CRUM, Steven Alan, to wife of Alan Crum, ICFN, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
 WHITLOCK, Claudia Ann, to wife of Charles Whitlock, RD3, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
 WERNER, Dennis Paul, to wife of John Werner, AKI, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
 SMITH, Gerald Paul, to wife of Paul Smith, AMC, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
 PADILLA, Linda Ann, to wife of Fred Padilla, SKGI, 8 pounds.
 McCLARY, Deborah Leigh, to wife of Dennis McClary, FN, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.
 JACKSON, Katherine Elizabeth, to wife of Richard Jackson, AN, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

2 April
 GWARTNEY, Sharon Lynn, to wife of George Gwartney, AD2, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
 CLARK, Jimmie Ray, to wife of Marvin Clark, AEAN, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
 SHIRKEY, Wallace Terrill, to wife of Raymond Shirkey, CSI, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 TIFFANY, Craig Allen, to wife of Albert Tiffany, LT, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

3 April
 ELLIS, John Lee, to wife of William Ellis, ENS, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
 LOWERY, Laura Lynn, to wife of Robert Lowery, SN, 4 pounds, 15 ounces.
 HEYNEMAN, Russell Edward, Jr., to wife of Russell Heyneman, AD2, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
 THOMAS, Michael Dale, to wife of Arthur Thomas, ADC, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
 HAMMER, Boy, to wife of Frank Hammer, T/Sgt, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

4 April
 MYERS, Boy, to wife of William Myers, AD2, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 SHORT, Janet Elizabeth, to wife of Earl Short, ENS, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 ARMENAKIS, Patricia Jean, to wife of Nicholas Armenakis, BMI, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 WEISS, Martin Albert, to wife of Richard Weiss, LTJG, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 BYRNE, Denise Rae, to wife of Wesley Byrne, AG3, 5 pounds, 2 ounces.
 STOUT, Leslye Jean, to wife of Robert Stout, Sgt, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

5 April
 KUBOWICZ, Judith Cecelia, to wife of Leo Kubowicz, DC2, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
 PAYNE, Lonnie, Jr., to wife of Lonnie Payne, SN, 8 pounds.
 DECKER, Douglas Earl, to wife of William Decker, ME3, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 DIAMOND, Daniel Glenn, to wife of Glenn Diamond, AD1, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
 FONTENOT, Genevieve Ann, to wife of Jean Fontenot, HM1, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
 HORMAN, Carolyn Jean, to wife of Albert Horman, EL1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 WALDECK, Girl, to wife of William Waldeck, T/Sgt, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

6 April
 MOLFINO, Boy, to wife of Ted Molfino, LT, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.
 GANNON, Kathleen Anne, to wife of Thomas Gannon, Pfc, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
 TIMM, Girl, to wife of Larvel Timm, YN2, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
 HILDEBRAND, Ann Robyn, to wife of George Hildebrand, LT, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
 DUNN, Pamela Sue, to wife of Eugene Dunn, TDAN, 5 pounds, 12 1/2 ounces.

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 PAULSON, Lory Jean, to wife of John Paulson, FPP3, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 BRACKETT, Larry Dee, to wife of William Brackett, FN, 5 pounds.
 BRACKETT, Terry Lee, to wife of William Brackett, FN, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
 PIERCEALL, Rebecca Ann, to wife of Daniel Pierceall, AM1, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
 MEER, Debra Lynne, to wife of William Meek, AOJ3, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

"Hail and Farewell Party" At Officers' Club

Two events are scheduled for the next two week ends at the Officers' Club. The first is an informal "Warm-Up Dance" on Friday, 20 April, with Brad Brown and his "Men About Town" providing the music.

The second event, for which staff officers and their ladies are expected to turn out en masse is the 28 April traditional "Hail and Farewell Party" to honor newcomers and those departing. Cocktails at 1800 will be followed by buffet dinner at 1900 and dancing from 2100 to 0100. This party will be formal. There'll be no charge, and baby sitters will be on the job.

Bellhop: "Did you ring, sir?"

Guest: "No. I was tolling; I thought you were dead."



There's gold in good ideas. Pictured above receiving their checks from LCDR M. P. Huber, MSC, USN, Hospital personnel officer, are, left to right: Paul C. Germolis, carpenter in the Public Works Office, who received \$15 for suggesting that an extension be made to two circular table saws in order to cut large pieces of plywood without holding by hand; Miss Muriel "Pat" Seward, a clerk-typist in the Civilian Personnel Office, who received \$10 for her suggestion to award letters of commendation to outstanding employees at time of resignation after three years of employment; and Isaac Fisher, of the Medical Storeroom, who received \$30 for suggesting a new method of arranging stores on stockroom shelves.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 15 April

THE VOLCANO—Anna Magnani, Geraldine Brooks, Rossano Brazzi. DRAMA. Anna Magnani, a woman of bad reputation, is forced to return to her home on the island of Volcano. She finds Geraldine Brooks, her sister, there, awaiting the return of her fiancée from America. Rossano Brazzi, a diver, comes to the island and hires the girls to assist him in his work. He gets Miss Brooks to think of running away with him and forgetting her fiancée. Anna, seeking to save her sister, starts a romance with Brazzi. But it only causes her sister to break with her. Finally, when she has Brazzi on a diving job, Anna allows him to drown. Miss Brooks awaits her fiancée and Anna plunges herself into the volcano. No rating available.

Monday, 16 April

MACBETH—Orson Welles, Jeanette Nolan. DRAMA. This famous Republic production needs no introduction. First shown to the general public a couple of years ago, it has been well received by all. Rated good.

Tuesday, 17 April

ON THE RIVIERA (COLOR) — Danny Kaye, Gene Tierney. This film is so new that no review has been made as yet. However, with two top stars playing the leads, it should be very good.

Wednesday, 18 April

FLAME OF STANBOUL—Richard Benning, Lisa Ferraday. MELODRAMA. This picture deals with a gang of thieves in Istanbul who plan to steal defense plans important to the protection of the Suez Canal. However, an American Intelligence Officer is sent to the scene and cracks the case. Rated fair.

Thursday, 19 April

LORNA DOONE (COLOR) — Richard Greene, Barbara Hale, William Bishop. DRAMA. This is the story of the arrogant Doone family who controlled the entire countryside around themselves until Charles II ascended the throne. The family is then outlawed but they still find ways of exacting tribute from the farmers. John (Richard Greene), son of a farmer killed by the Doones, returns home after five years in the army to find the villagers' plight worse than ever. He organizes the farmers to attack the Doone estate and in the meantime falls in love with Lorna Doone (Barbara Hale), a childhood friend. Shortly before the big battle she discovers she is not a member of the Doone family. She is injured in the fight but recovers to marry John after his group defeats the Doones. Rated very good.

Friday, 20 April

GOOD-BYE MY FANCY—Joan Crawford, Frank Lovejoy. DRAMA. This is a new Warner Brothers release that should please all members of any audience. If you enjoy good drama, you will like this one.

Saturday, 21 April

SOUTH SEA SINNER — Shelly Winters, MacDonald Carey. No information available on this one.

CPO Wives to Hold Special Activities Meet

The monthly meeting of the C.P.O. wives club met last Wednesday, 11 April, at the club with the hostess, Mrs. E. Rose, and her assistants serving the luncheon.

Preliminary plans were made for a special activity during the month of May. This activity is strictly hush-hush among the members. A special meeting to discuss it is being called for April, which will be a 3:00 p.m. tea with Mrs. L. Linse as hostess.

It is urgently requested that all members attend the 25th of April tea. Big things are in the wind.

Greenville, Pa. (AFPS)—Cy McCoy arrived at the courthouse to answer gambling charges. "Maybe I'd better put another nickel in the parking meter," he said to a friend, "I may be gone more than an hour." The judge sentenced him to three months.

Letter of Thanks

Oakland Naval Hospital,
 March 30, 1951.

Dear Captain Gordon:

Once more I have come to the end of a stay in Oak Knoll and again I wish to thank, through you, all who have been so wonderfully kind to me.

The doctors, nurses, waves, corpsmen, aides and all did everything possible for my comfort and enjoyment.

In particular, I want to thank my ward doctor, Dr. Hollister, Dr. Streit in Orthopedics, Captain Rodgers, and the X-ray doctor whose name I failed to ask and all with whom I had direct contact. All have been so kind and helpful.

Most sincerely,
 Jeannette W. Underhill.

Married in recent ceremonies in the Hospital Chapel were Henry Wong, HM3, of Sacramento, and Dorothy Klootwyk, of Muskegan, Wisconsin. The bride wore aqua lace, and carried a bouquet of White Iris and American Beauty Roses. Pauline Lemich, HMC, and "K" Allen Howerton, HM2 acted as attendants. All members of the bridal party were X-Ray department personnel, except the bride. Chaplain J. A. Whitman performed the ceremonies.

Get Over Here—On The Double

London (AFPS) — A stockbroker of this city recently received induction orders from the War Office. His reply, in the form of a letter, said in part, "See St. Luke 14:20."

The verse says, "I have married a wife and therefore I cannot come."

The following reply, although unconfirmed, is said to have originated in the War Office. "Your attention is drawn to St. Luke 7:8."

This verse reads: "For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto thee, go, and he goeth, and to another, come, and he cometh."

It is presumed the stockbroker needed it.

USO Is Back on the Job.

New York (AFPS)—The United Service Organization (USO) has been formally commissioned by Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall.

Recently, Gen. Marshall gave the organization the "go-ahead" signal to serve members of the Armed Forces both on the home front and overseas.

Dr. Lindsley F. Kimball, president of the USO, said, "We hope civilian interest in the Armed forces will help us write 'mission accomplished' in attaining our goals for the USO."

He outlined two definite missions of the USO for the remainder of this year.

First, he announced that USO Camp Shows will send entertainment groups to Korea.

Second, he noted plans to open USO clubs to provide "a home away from home" for members of the Armed Forces in 64 additional areas.

Man: "I can't see what keeps you out from freezing."

Girl: "You're not supposed to."

Forfeit Eliminates Volleyball Team

Oak Knoll Volleyballers bowed in defeat last Tuesday to the team from NAS, Alameda, but came through victorious over the Retaining Command team from Mare Island. Victory was short-lived, however, because the Knollites were eliminated from further Twelfth Naval District competition by a forfeit a few nights later. Players on the Oak Knoll team were J. Torres, HN, W. H. Bennett, HM2, R. Hermansen, HM3, B. Dolph, HM3, and G. E. Papadakis, HM3.

In the Twelfth Naval District badminton tournament, Oak Knoll dropped the second game of the series to Western Sea Frontier on the Treasure Island courts. The game was played last Wednesday afternoon, and individual scores are not available as the Oak Leaf goes to press. It is reported that Bob Irvine, HN, of Welfare and Recreation, fought one of the closest games of the entire tourney, only to be edged out of play by the Western Sea Frontier feathered-bird ace. Players in the tournament were Irvine, HN, Jim Brisnahan, HM3, and Henry Wong, HM2, all of Welfare and Recreation.

As soon as the hospital tennis courts can be put to full use, a tennis tournament will be held to determine the hospital championship. At the conclusion of the hospital league play, the top five tennis players will be selected to make up the hospital tennis team for competition in the Twelfth Naval District tourney starting this spring.

Erratic practice sessions and a shortage of players have been the two contributing factors in the failure of the Nurses' Softball team. If the practice sessions do not improve and more people turn out for practice, the Nurses' team may have to be dropped from the schedule in the Armed Forces league and entered in the inter-hospital softball tournament. The inter-hospital tournament is scheduled to begin next Monday or Tuesday.

Knoll Link Artists Take VR-2, Alameda

Led by hospital champion and team captain, LTJG Robert Ware, the Oak Knoll golf team defeated VR-2, Alameda, by the score of 10½ to 4½ points, in a match played at the Lake Chabot golf links last Tuesday, 10 April.

LT Ware, as team captain, held down the No. 1 position on the team, Willie Jefferson, HN, the No. 2 slot, CDR J. R. Dillon, No. 3, LT J. H. Spence, No. 4, and No. 5 was played by LTJG R. D. McGinnis. Absent from the match were CDR Milton Kurzrok and Pete Bowers, HM1.

Every one of the local team members scored within the seventies, which is a very good showing when you consider that many big money golfers do little better.

LT Ware's 73 was good for two points, Jefferson's 75 scored two-and-a-half points, LT Spence's 77 brought one point, and LT McGinnis' 79 was good for two-and-a-half more points, to bring the total to 10½ for Oak Knoll, against 4½ for Alameda.

Highlights of the match came when LT Ware and Willie Jefferson carded two eagles, one birdie, and a par score on the 18th hole. The 18th hole at Lake Chabot, by the way, is 660 yards, and carries a par of six strokes.

With a beginning like this to spur the team on, Oak Knoll could easily become the new Twelfth Naval District golf champions.



Various contributing factors have made it necessary for the hospital orders to be revised. The above pictured men have been working steadily to get all the orders changed, reassembled, and redistributed to all departments. Left to right, they are: W. C. Stinson, HM1, Paul Vossburg, HN, and Bill Tunley, HM1, all of the Organization Office, who handle all mimeograph work in the hospital.

X-ray Takes Lead In Hospital Bowling Tourney

Hospital keggers tangled in the third round of the Oak Knoll bowling league last week. After the dust had cleared away, it was found that X-ray had taken high game, 858, and high score of 2445, to win four games with no losses to date. Night Crew came out second best to win three points, and lose one.

In the high team scoring department, CPO's are second with a 2274, closely followed by Commissary with 2271, and the MAA's with 2262. Physical Therapy scored second in high games with an 850, followed by the CPO's with 805.

In the individual scoring, Shemo, of Physical Therapy, scored a 239, with Ludi of the MAA's placing second with 218. In third and fourth places were Denfield of Artificial Limb, with 216, and Chief Betoney, with 209. Mertens of X-ray so far is leading in the average score ratings, with a 190 average for the tourney thus far.

Games on next Tuesday evening match Nurses against Women Dependents, CPO's vs. Commissary, and X-ray vs. Night Crew. On Thursday night, the MAA's meet Physical Therapy, Artificial Limb vs. Women Dependents, and CPO's take on X-ray.

towards a degree from the institution offering them.

Bed patients may obtain educational services on their ward by a phone call. A member of the Educational Services will be sent to the ward upon request.

Knollite Baseballers To Play Twin Rock Ranch

The first game of the baseball season for the Knollites will take place on 17 April, when the local boys on the team from Twin Rock Ranch Station. Coach Joe Reginato says the team looks good now, but there is always room for more polish in a championship team.

In the starting line-up for the game will be: B. B. Hooke, catcher; G. C. Bournellis, HN, pitcher; B. L. Amos, FA, first base; C. Young, HN, shortstop; E. J. Kautz, HM3, third base; C. A. Johnson, HN, left field; C. R. Hall, HN, right field; and C. R. Worsham, HN, a veteran of last year at center field. Second base is still an open position. Cpl. Paul, USMC, will alternate with E. Kautz and other players in various positions. Steve Tambourski, now leave and another veteran of last year's play, will join the team, on pitcher's mound, at a later date.

Playing with the team this year are some men with previous big-time experience. G. C. Bournellis has worked out with the San Francisco Giants and B. L. Amos comes to us from the Pioneer League in the Intermountain area.

In the first home game of the season, the Oak Knoll team will host to the team from Camp Sherman, 19 April, on the hospital grounds. This will be the second scheduled game of the league and the current season.

Marriage is like a railway sign. You see a lovely girl and stop. You say "You marry"; and then you listen.

Educational Services

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If the results are positive, an equivalency certificate will be filed in the examinee's service jacket. This could be utilized by a candidate for a Navy service school (including the Naval Academy) where the criteria for selection requires a high school graduate. The College Battery consists of four comprehensive examinations and is used to appraise the student's educational accomplishments in broad subject areas.

6. USAFI (U. S. Armed Forces Institute) Correspondence Courses are available. A fee of \$2.00 is charged for the first enrollment; thereafter the student becomes eligible for other USAFI courses without additional charge, as long as acceptable work is maintained. High schools and colleges often award credit for the successful completion of these courses.

7. University extension correspondence courses are offered through USAFI by the extension divisions of certain cooperating colleges and universities in both academic and technical subjects. Many of the courses carry automatic credit

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Waves Hold Open House for Guests In Their Newly Redecorated Quarters

Open House for staff members and guests was held in the newly decorated Waves quarters on Wednesday evening, 11 April. Guests were served a buffet dinner, and were invited to examine the new trimmings in the quarters, all finished with new drapes, curtains, paint, and a new tile deck.

Following the buffet dinner, the guests participated in a "get acquainted" session, with the Waves, staff members and their guests all taking part. Present were CAPT I. L. V. Norman, Hospital Executive Officer, and his wife, along with other hospital dignitaries.

Due to the expansion of the hospital, and the large number of Waves reporting aboard, the Waves had been living in barracks that had not been used for some time, and had very little to offer as ladies' quarters. However, with the new decorations in the Waves quarters, living should be much more pleasant for the Wave Staff members.



Auditorium Rocks to Music Of Kenton and His Artists in Rhythm

A group of the greatest entertainers in the music business graced the stage of the auditorium on 12 April, as Stan Kenton and his musical aggregation paid a visit to the hospital. Kenton brought with him such famous names as Shelly Mann, Chico Alvarez, Maynard Ferguson (of Charlie Barnet fame), Bob Cooper, Ray Wetzel, all, of course, supplemented by Stan's own artistic interpretation of progressive and modern jazz.

Kenton's organization played a wide variety of music, from "Love for Sale," to a very unique arrangement of a New Orleans Blues theme, and all the way back again.

Reminding us of the old Kenton "artistry" and "progressive jazz" days was his arrangement of "The Peanut Vendor." Taking over the vocal spotlight from such famous names as Anita O'Day and June Christy (former Kenton songbirds), was Jay Johnson with a brand new style of warbling. His rendition of "Body and Soul" was something to be remembered.

Along with the Kenton band was a young San Francisco comedian named Herkie Styles, who performed with the group at the Downtown Theatre. Herkie spent about a year with the Benny Goodman band, then gained experience in theatre and TV before teaming up with the Kenton group for their present engagement.

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CDR Francis Now Is Wearer of The Purple Heart



Receiving his Purple Heart Medal from CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer (left), is CDR William S. Francis, MC, USN, Hospital Staff doctor. CDR Francis received his medal for wounds received while serving with the 1st Medical Battalion, 1st Marine Division, at Youngdungpo, Korea.

CDR William S. Francis, MC, USN, who is on duty in Ward 60B as a member of the Hospital Staff in General Medicine, was awarded the Purple Heart medal by CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, during ceremonies last Monday.

CDR Francis, whose home is in Marion, Virginia, was wounded by shrapnel from mortar fire last September, while serving as Medical Officer with the 1st Medical Battalion, 1st Marine Division, at Youngdungpo, Korea. He saw experience in action from the landings at Inchon, through the campaigns of Seoul, Wonsan, and Hamburg, and was overseas for seven months.

His wife Ruth, and their two children, William III and Phillip, are presently living in Oakland.

CDR Francis is a graduate of the Tulane University School of Medicine, and has been serving in the Navy for thirteen years.

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"ON MAKING SOMEONE OVER"

Some months ago I read an article and the general thought of it has stuck in my mind. The idea was "we often feel like taking our friends apart and then putting them back together."

No one knows us like our intimate friends. They see us better than we see ourselves. They see our faults, our fickleness, conceit, egotism, and selfishness. If they see these things so well, why do they put up with us?

First, they see a lot of interesting and good qualities as well as our bad ones, and second, they fail to see any one else that is perfect. Many times, no doubt, our friends would like to reform us or change our personality radically, and most friendships that are broken up are the results of this effort.

Most people are well aware of others' faults but rarely see their own. A good motto to follow is this: "Do not try to make over your friends unless you are willing to let them suggest needed changes in your character." Another good rule to remember is: "A friend who is unwilling to stand correction for personality faults is unworthy to be an intimate friend." One other rule is important: "Since no one has reached the 'nth' degree of perfection, overlook minor imperfections of character since your friends may be overlooking many such things in you."

Wherein can Religion help? The testimony of the ages through the lives of the Saints, the devout, those who seek God and His way, is this: the Lord can transform a life until it takes on the attributes of Holiness and Love. "Be ye perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect," is forever being accomplished in a progressive way in the lives of the children of men.

A Christian makes a better friend or he is no Christian at all. We are not the best of a friend to those who love us until we apply the teachings of the Lord in soul surgery upon our character.

JAMES A. WHITMAN, Protestant Chaplain.



As the old saying goes, an apple queen will keep the doctor away any old time. Not only that, but apples are good for you, too. Pretty Lily Jo Hammans, 17-year-old Wenatchee, Wash., high school girl, who was recently chosen Queen of the 32nd Annual Washington State Apple Blossom Festival, conclusively proved the case for apples as far as the patients at the Hospital are concerned when she visited the wards last week and distributed some of this year's samples of the big red fruit. The apples were donated by the apple growers of Washington State. Miss Hammans has made a number of TV and radio appearances. From left to right are: Pfc. Robert C. McNally, USMCR, Pfc. L. K. Hargis, USMC, Miss Hammans, Mr. J. L. McGuire, Washington State apple commissioner, and Pfc. James White, USMC.



The Oak Knoll Chess Club scored a major triumph last Wednesday evening, 4 April, at the Red Cross Lounge, when they won a match for the first time in two years of chess playing with the California School for the Blind. Pictured (left to right) are: Mrs. Margo Courtois, Gray Lady, and Fred Druet, intent on a chess game. Watching is Robert Gordon, DKSN, and serving is Mrs. Phillips, Gray Lady. Absorbed in another game are Ronnie Curtis and Chief Robert Lyons.

Red Cross Ramblings

WELCOME ENTERTAINMENT

The American Legion Bill Erwin Post No. 337 of Oakland, by voting to sponsor some good ward entertainment at Oak Knoll, is making a fine contribution to patients who cannot get down to the auditorium shows. You will all have a chance to see some of these well-chosen movie shorts and special features, for there will be weekly showings of these series. An old friend of this hospital, Mr. William Sundin of Oakland, will be the projectionist for these films. Bill Sundin has been showing films on the wards here since 1942 and came regularly each week for four years. Some record! The Legion sponsoring group isn't content with only movies, however, but will also conduct a monthly bingo party in the wards, complete with prizes and refreshments. Anyone feel lucky? No more fumbling around looking for markers, as they have just presented us with the new type slide bingo cards.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Richard Thorton, CD3, USN, of Ward 42B, celebrated his twenty-fourth birthday on 11 April. Who was the lusty tenor in the next bed who assisted in the singing of "Happy Birthday"? Think his name might be Lyons? Eddie Ray, SN, USN, and Mike Olson, FA, USN, of Ward 41B, enjoyed the same birthday date, Friday the 13th. Their cake was inscribed with both names. By the way, how many candles did we count on that cake, fellows? Richard Kimberly, USMC, Ward 42A, is now able to exercise his franchise to vote. He reached the ripe old age of twenty-one 15 April.

CAMERA FANS

If you take a good picture and then complain that it was developed and printed too dark or too light, or that enlargements are expensive, don't blame the drugstore photo-service that you use; blame yourself! Papers, chemicals, enlargers, and expert instruction are available at the Red Cross Dark Room, Building 32. Make an appointment with the Red Cross worker.

BRONCO BUSTER

We have one bronco buster here at Oak Knoll by the name of James Sutton, of Ward 63B. He was born and raised on a Washington State

ranch, and in 1924 became the Northwest champ for bronco busting at Great Falls, Montana. A novelty in which he has considerable talent is square dancing on a horse. If circumstances permit, he hopes to ride in the Calgary Rodeo in September where he holds a lifetime membership in the Brewster Bridle Club. Ride 'em, cowboy! We'll be in there rootin'.

BASKETBALL FANS

The Associated Students of the University of California provide weekly 16mm films of their 1951 season basketball games. It is done through the courtesy of the Berkeley Red Cross. These pictures are available for scheduling on your ward if you are interested in seeing them projected. Contact us.

"Did you see the stork that brought me, Daddy?"

"No, Son, but I did see his bill."

Divine Services

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Among those who gathered at the Officers' Club last Saturday night when the Northern California Urological Society met here for dinner and a scientific program were, left to right: Dr. Guy Manson of Fresno; Dr. George Hartman, San Francisco; Dr. George Reisle, Oakland; Captain J. N. C. Gordon, Commanding Officer; Dr. William A. Sumner, secretary-treasurer of the society; Dr. Miles Griffin, Oakland, president of the society; Captain John W. Rogers, Head of the Urology Department here; Dr. Arno Folle, San Francisco; and Dr. A. M. Meads, Oakland.

Address Forms Delay NSLI Pay

Checks covering the second special dividend for veterans holding National Service Life Insurance policies will be in the mail.

Although the new dividend covers only the three years since the 1948 anniversary date of each policy the average payment on a pro-rated basis should about equal that paid under the first special dividend.

Servicemen and women of the Armed Forces entitled to dividend payments will execute Department of Defense form No. 461, which is now available to all commands. Officer personnel at the hospital will get their forms at the Officer Personnel Office and enlisted men may secure their forms at the Staff Personnel Office. This form when completed by the individual policy holder must be submitted to his immediate Commanding Officer for certification of items.

Amounts now forthcoming can be determined only by reference to a lengthy dividend schedule which has not been released.

Veterans should receive their checks about two months after the anniversary date of their policy. The VA said recently that future dividends will probably be paid annually on the anniversary date of NSLI policies in force.

Navy Band Leader Holds Continuous Service Mark

Washington (APPS) — Paradoxically, a Navy lieutenant holds the record as the Navy's oldest enlisted man from the standpoint of continuous service.

Chief Musician Alexander Earl Morris, leader of the U. S. Naval Academy band, has more than 43 years of active continuous service. He is 62.

Only three active Naval officers can better Morris' continuous service record. Fleet Admirals William D. Leahy, Ernest J. King, and Chester W. Nimitz. Although retired, they are carried on active duty lists for life.

For funny people only. Read this backwards: "On fields all it do would you know you."

Another "Well Done"

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NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD
Portsmouth, Virginia

Tuesday 16 April 1951

Captain, Milton M. Karpark, USN, U.S.N. Oak Knoll Hospital, Oakland, Cal.

My dear Mr. Karpark:

I am writing to express my appreciation for the concern and attention shown by you and the staff during those recent visits to Oakland. The fact that you have taken the time to visit with a cold and congestion, and that the ladies have the hospital and treated him—apparently, not in view of your all complications. I am extremely grateful for such concern and interest, and would you and your staff be home.

It is heartwarming to know that the Navy will look after its men, even if the red-tape isn't cut in order for the situation. I hope some day to be able to thank you in person.

Gratefully yours,

James E. Baker

Capt. USN

Great Books Group To Meet in Library

What is your idea of a great man? Socrates was Plato's conception of what a great man is like, and this conception was vigorously discussed at this past week's meeting of the Oak Knoll Great Books discussion group.

Next week, the group will discuss selections from Plato—Republic, Books 1 and 2. It is still not too late to join the Great Books group. Meetings are held Thursday afternoons at 1500 in the Crew's Library, which is opposite the Community Service Building. Patients, staff, civilian personnel, and adult members of their families are all invited. Further information is available from Miss Trudy Roehrig in the Red Cross Office.

Joe: "Why didn't you laugh at the Captain's jokes last night?"

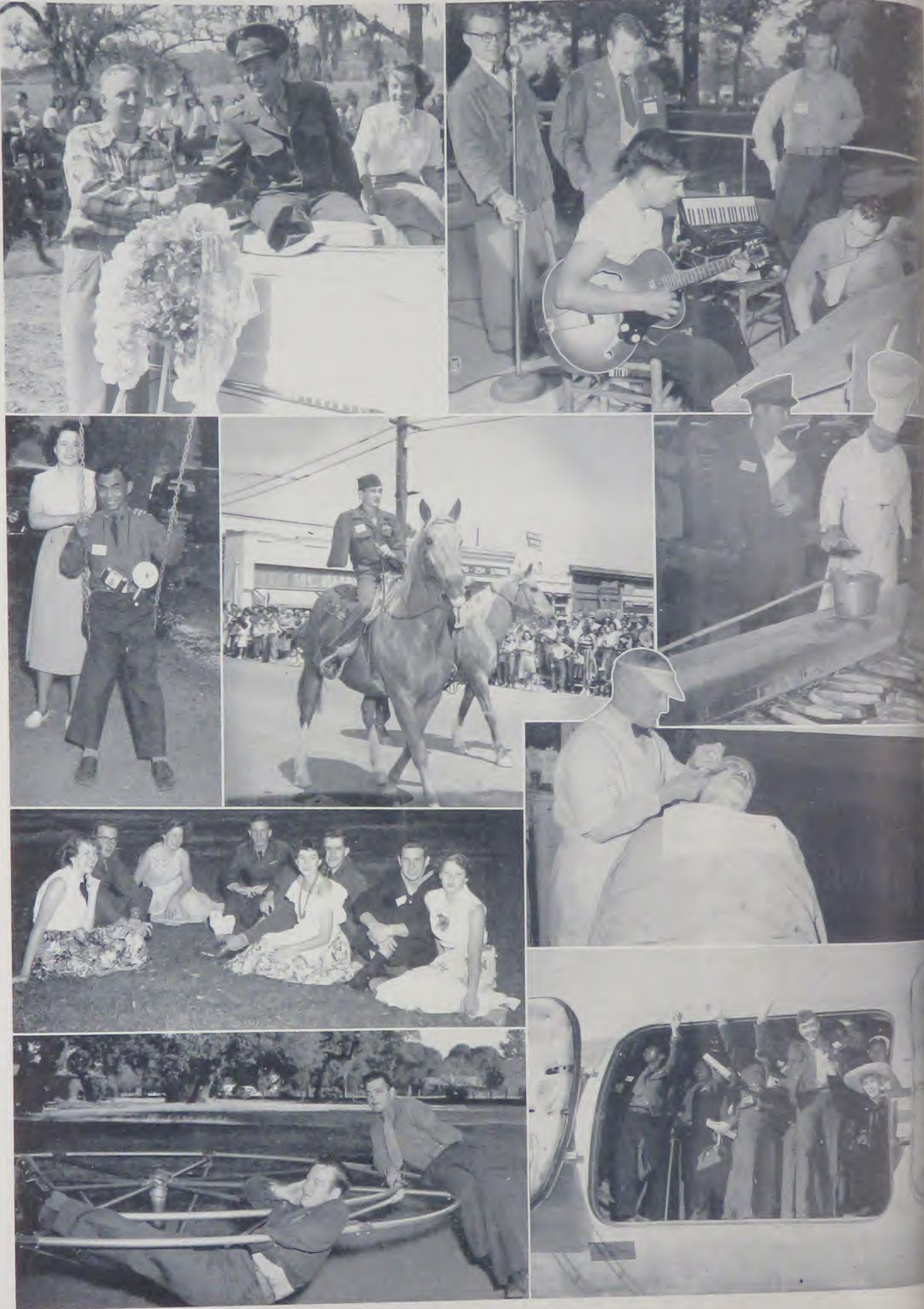
Jim: "Didn't have to—I'm transferring Friday."



All the comforts that home never had, D. E. Morse, HMC, USN, pours himself a cup of the brew that refreshes—coffee, that is—from the new drip-e-lator in the Environmental Sanitation Office, which keeps hot, fresh java on hand at all times. It was set up from plans made by L. G. Estes, HMC, of the Sanitation School staff, with the help of the Public Works Office, plus funds provided by staff personnel. Note especially the Roacal and drained dry. This is recommended by the Sanitation School as being a first-rate type coffee set-up.

Trip to Ukiah Features Plenty of Fun, Fine Food, Free Haircuts

(Story on page 4)



Fifty Patients Feted In Ukiah Weekend

At approximately 1745, Sunday, 15, April, two large Military Air Transport planes took off from the runway at the Ukiah airport, with upwards of five thousand people present to watch the take-off. This was the culmination of the week end at Ukiah, enjoyed by fifty patients from Oak Knoll Hospital. The patients were invited to Ukiah by the Pomo Shrine Club, the Chamber of Commerce, citizens of Ukiah and surrounding area.

The big week end all began when the group of fifty left Oak Knoll at 0930, Friday, 13 April, then proceeded to NAS Alameda, to be taken aboard the big Military Air Transport planes. At 1100 the two planes left the runway and headed North by Northeast with course set for the Ukiah airport, and at approximately 1200 touched their wheels to the concrete strips.

During the time between 1200, when the planes landed, and the time of scheduled take-off Sunday afternoon, the City of Ukiah crowded in so much fun, activity and wonderful hospitality, that it is impossible to give an account in the space allotted. However, there were some highlights of the trip that should be mentioned. The group lunched at the House of Garner immediately upon arrival at the Airport, then were driven to hotels to arrange for week end lodging. After the registration at the hotels, the members of the Oak Knoll group were provided with transportation to be driven to any place of their choosing, and almost all hands took advantage of the opportunity to see the sights and places of interest in the Valley. Activities on Friday were topped off by a wonderful dinner, program, and dance in the Redwood Room of the Palace Hotel.

The activities on Saturday started with breakfast in the Koffee Kup at the Palace Hotel, followed by



United Shows Alliance "Salute to Top Fighting Men" scored another hit as Stan Kenton and his orchestra, above, came to Oak Knoll last week. Along with Kenton's band was funnyman Herkie Styles, San Francisco comedian right, who kept both the band and audience in stitches during the performance.

more sight-seeing, and visiting with the citizens of Ukiah in their homes. The patients lunched at the Palace Hotel Redwood Room, and then were free until the Barbecue at the Municipal Park that evening. As the group arrived at the park, the large Barbecue pit racks were covered with steaks, the like of which is seldom seen in these times. They were the largest, most delicious steaks that ever graced a man's table, most of the steaks weighing at least a pound and a half. The royal banquet was followed by a dance at the Veterans' Memorial Hall that evening.

The parade on Sunday morning was followed by a Rodeo at Vichy Springs, during which the Oak Knoll group presented the Committee with a wreath of flowers, along with a few words of heartfelt thanks by S/Sgt V. J. Plummer of Ward 42B. Immediately following the Rodeo, the group was taken to the airport to board their planes for the trip.

Kenton Orchestra Gives Stage Performance Here

(Continued from page 1)

His story of his life offered a good laugh every other word, and his clowning in the drum routine with Shelly Mann brought the house down. With or without a band, Herkie is a fine performer and great guy.

Topping off the show, Stan and the boys gave out with one of the all-time Kenton favorites, "Lover," and their theme, "Artistry in Rhythm." It is hoped that Kenton and his band will be in the Bay Area again soon and Oak Knoll can again play host to this great artist.

Boston (AFPS)—One of the first queries received by the New England office of price stabilization was from a minister. He wanted to know if he could increase his fees for marriages and christenings. The answer was yes.

Welcome and Farewell

Thirty-five new staff members reported aboard and six were detached during the week ending 16 April.

Reporting aboard were: ENS's Ellen J. Whelan, Romaine A. Farrell, Ferne I. White, Elizabeth M. Lukoskie, Inez M. Udovich, and Marianne Tyson, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida; CWOHC C. W. O'Brien, from 1st Provisional Casual Company, FMF, San Francisco, Calif.; G. S. Moore, HMC, from Commandant, 9th Naval District; V. L. Duncan, HMC, from Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, Calif.; J. J. Ormonde, HMC, from Headquarters, Commandant 3rd Naval District; E. J. Walden, HM1, from Receiving Station, Pearl Harbor, T. H.; L. C. Bachmeier, HM1, from Naval Training Center, Portsmouth, Va.; S. C. Bowers, HM1, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Camp LeJeune, N. C.; J. L. Tweedy, HM1, from Commandant, Twelfth Naval District; G. L. King, HM1, from FMF, Paris Island, S. C.; J. J. Redmond, HM1, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, New Hampshire; H. W. Wheaton, HM2, from Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.; W. E. Swach, HM2, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; J. J. Davich, HM2, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; W. L. Burns, HM2, from Naval Training Center, ComNine; E. K. Earhart, HM2, from Naval Receiving Station, Washington, D. C.; H. M. McConnell, HM2, from USNRS, Norfolk, Va.; F. E. Wheeler, HM2, from U. S. Naval Hospital, New Orleans, La.; C. A. R. McClure, HM2, from Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif.; H. M. Hart, HM2, from Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.; R. A. Smith, HM3, from FMF, Camp LeJeune, N. C.; and HA's A. Gallo, F. N. Hiers, Jr., K. A. Horvath, H. R. Pendley, A. R. Nickel, and B. S. Lyndon, and HA(W)'s K. L. Evans and F. R. Jones, from Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif.

Detached were CDR Mary T. Sproul, to Chairman, Armed Services Blood and Blood Derivatives Comm., Washington, D. C.; LT Josephine J. Remas, to Naval Medical School, NNMCC, Bethesda, Md.; LTJG H. M. Rupp, to Naval Supply Depot, San Pedro, Calif.; ENS Margaret M. Bright, Naval Medical School, NNMCC, Bethesda, Md.; E. A. Kloetzel, HM1, to Administrative Command, ComNine; and K. E. Canterbury, HN, Naval Shipyard, Mare Island, Calif.



Shown above are the twenty-one new members of the Environmental Sanitation School course. From left to right in the front row are: G. L. King, HM1 Marine Barracks, Parris Island, S. C.; J. J. Redmond, HM1, Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, N. H.; E. J. Walden, HM1, Receiving Station, Pearl Harbor; V. L. Dunham, HMC, Naval Air Station, Moffett Field; G. S. Moore, HMC, ComNine, Great Lakes, Ill.; J. J. Ormonde, HMC, District Medical Office, New York, N. Y.; S. C. Bowers, HM1, Marine Barracks, Camp LeJeune, N. C.; L. G. Bachmeier, HM1, Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Va.; and V. R. Bayles, HM1, Naval Hospital, Oakland.

Left to right in the second row are: F. E. Wheeler, HM2, Naval Air Station, Algiers, La.; E. R. Earhart, HM2, Naval Air Station, Pautexent, Md.; H. M. Hart, HM2, Naval Air Station, San Diego; W. L. Burns, HM2, Naval Station, Great Lakes, Ill.; A. H. Sockwell, HM1, Naval Hospital, Bremerton, Wash.; H. M. McConnell, HM1, N.O.B., Norfolk, Va.; and C. A. McClure, HM2, Naval Air Station Alameda, Calif.

Third row: R. A. Sherman, HM3, Naval Hospital, Oakland; H. W. Wheaton, HM2, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.; R. A. Smith, HM3, Marine Barracks, Camp LeJeune, N. C.; W. E. Smeal, HM2, Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; and R. V. Althaus, HM2, Headquarters, Ninth Naval District, Great Lakes, Ill. The class began last Monday and will finish in September. This is the second group to attend the school.

Over 200 Staff Members Attend First Picnic

Staff Personalities



Despite nippy, damp weather, the first staff picnic of the year went over with a bang last Sunday in the Orchard Area of Redwood Regional Park.

Uniform of the day was the warmest clothes you could find but a crowd of around 200 was present for games and all you could eat. Featured on the menu were thick, juicy steaks, baked beans, potato salad, soda pop, and beer.

It was a gala event for everyone present, and the site for the picnic was perfect. Surrounded by hills and perfumed with blossoms from the trees it gave everyone a chance to enjoy themselves.

Highlighting the afternoon, other than eating, were the softball games with practically everyone getting a chance to show their skill. Also in evidence was proof that Oak Knoll has many horseshoe experts.

The hospital Welfare and Recreation Department sponsored the picnic with Chief F. H. Anderberg taking care of all the details. Plans are being made for another to follow sometime next month.

If you enjoy good food and lots of fun be sure to attend the next picnic. Bring the entire family or your dates. Everyone has a good time, including the ants.



The Pepsodent smile that greets Oak Knoll's Out-Patients at the appointment desk belongs to Ruth O'hoori, of 5115 Camden Street, Oakland. Ruth has been at the hospital for the past three and a half years and has been working in the appointment office all during that time. She is now the supervisor in the office.

Originally from Portland, Oregon, Ruth and her family came to the Bay Area four years ago. She has two teen-age children — Judy, 15, and Jack 13. She has no special hobbies, other than devoting all her spare time to her children.

In the background of the picture is Shirley McKenna, file clerk in the appointment office. Shirley came to Oak Knoll in August 1950, and is a native Californian, born in San Francisco.



The personable personality of Ward 80B is Bob Pickel, HN, who hails from the town of Medford, Oregon.

Bob first enlisted in the Navy on 31 August, 1948, in Portland, and took his basic instruction at San Diego. After he survived the rigors of "boot camp," he was sent to Hospital Corps School in the same city and upon completing his training there reported to Oak Knoll Hospital.

Bob is still single, and his plans for the future are still a little vague. He does know, however, that he would like to attend college to study psychiatry. Before his enlistment in the Navy, Bob attended the University of Oregon, and worked for the U.S. Forest Service between sessions of school.

He has been on his present job in Ward 80B for almost a year, and prior to that was detailed to the Commissary.



Commercial Law Books Now Available in Library

Readers who have been looking for Criminology and Commercial Law books, or new science fiction tales, will find the following new additions available in the Crew's Library:

Criminology—Blue Book of Crime, Cook; and Modern Criminal Investigation, Soderman.

Science Fiction—Best of Science Fiction, Conklin; A Treasury of Science Fiction, Conklin; Skylark of Valeron, Smith; Spacehounds of IPC, Smith; The Forbidden Garden, Taine; The Time Stream, Taine; The Book of Ptath, Van Vogt; The Weapon Makers, Van Vogt; and The Legion of Space, Williamson.

Commercial Law — Elements of Business Law, Huffcutt; and Commercial Law, Lyons.

All of the above books were gifts donated by the El Rey Venetian Blind Company of San Francisco.

You try to write
No ink will trickle;
Put pen in pocket,
And instantly it'll.

Daylight saving time for the States of California and Nevada will become effective 0000, 29 April, 1951.



Holding the above pose in enraptured song are Robert Shackleton and Lita Terrias, from the "Where's Charley" cast. Several members from this musical comedy, which is currently appearing in San Francisco, entertained the boys last week in the Ships' Service auditorium under the sponsorship of the Oakland Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Chuckles

As the ship approached rough seas, a Scotchman asked what to do to prevent sea-sickness.

"Have you a shilling?" the captain asked.

The Scotchman carefully produced the coin from his purse. "All right," said the captain. "Now hold it between your teeth until you land."

Why does Swiss cheese have holes when it's Limburger that needs 'em?

The new recruit had been the victim of many practical jokes. One night when the figure of one of the officers loomed in the darkness, he challenged:

"Who goes there?"

"Major Moses."

Sensing another joke, he replied: "Glad to meet you, Moses. Advance and give the Ten Commandments."

Then there was the gal who wanted to be a bubble dancer but her dad said "no soap."

Scientists in Chicago announce the development of coffee in capsules. They say the capsules dissolve in hot water, leaving absolutely no taste. But you've probably made coffee just like that yourself without bothering with capsules.

A sultan at odds with his harem thought of a way he could scare 'em. He caught him a mouse, Set it loose in the house, Thus starting the first harem-scarem.

The reporter asked the centenarian: "To what do you attribute your longevity?"

"Well, I don't know yet," replied the ancient. "I'm still negotiating with three drug manufacturers and two brands of liquor. . . ."



The Hawaiian Theme dance last Saturday night at the C.P.O. club featured birthday celebrations, Bud Cheek's orchestra and vocalist, and an elephant (grey, not pink). On the left are W. M. Hendry, HMC, and his wife, both of whom celebrated recent birthdays, and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Martini, parents of Miss Claire Martini, hospital staff employee. Mr. Martini also celebrated a recent birthday. In the middle are Bud Cheek and his orchestra, and Miss Sani Palmer, vocalist. On the right is Miss Effie Oakland, surrounded by slightly apprehensive admirers. Miss Oakland is an elephant, world-traveller, and resident of the snooty Oakland Zoological Gardens, where you have to be at least an animal to get in. She was escorted to the dance by Mr. Snow, her manager. Effie seemed like an old friend to the club.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

STUFF 'N STUFF: Charlie Atwill was boating around Florida and Georgia on his recent leave — Claire Martini flies down to Acapulco, Mexico in a week or two. Wonder if she's going to dive from the famous bluffs? — Everyone is wondering what Public Works' Charlie Freeman will look like on pink sheets. That's what he won at Bingo the other night — Cutting Kansas wheat didn't give Eugene Barger his bulging biceps. Bar-bells and workouts in the "Y" helped, though — Ever since Web Stephens' picture appeared in last week's Oak Leaf combing a baby's hair, he has been deluged with baby-sitting offers.

OPEN HOUSE: For once, the men on the station could wander all over the WAVE's Quarters and no one remonstrated. Guess the WAVE's Quarters are the nearest thing to leading a civilian life possible. Their rooms have chintz, soft chairs, plants, flowers, gay colors, with a few standard GI items thrown in to remind them they're still in the Navy. When I asked for the punch recipe, they told me Chief Katie Robinson dreamed it up while Salmon fishing — "Muggsie" Mahoney and Vivian Beckdale kept everyone's hands full of "victuals" — Ruth Anderson brought her hubby out to see the place where she stays on her duty nights — Kay O'Malley was making one of her infrequent stays aboard — Joan Roberts kept "pushing" potato salad. She was afraid she would have to finish it the next day if any remained — Marion Morey got off duty just in time to bid the guests goodnight — One of the girls was having a good "dishing" party with a "civilian." Finally the WAVE said, "I know you from someplace, but I can't place you." The "civilian" turned out to be CDR Gavin, Chief Engineer.

REDWOOD PARK PICNIC: Under gray skies, nippy air, and breath-taking surroundings, the Knollites gathered for their first picnic of the season. The married folks brought

Oak Knoll Patient Meets MacArthur

CPL Werner Reininger, USMCR, Oak Knoll's quadruple amputee, met and exchanged a few words with General Douglas MacArthur, during his brief stay at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. As the General stepped out of the elevator, he walked over to Reininger, shook hands, and said, "You Marines did a good job for us" to which Reininger replied, "We were glad to work with you, Sir." Then CPL Reininger had a brief conversation with Mrs. MacArthur, who was standing close by.

After his meeting with General and Mrs. MacArthur, CPL Reininger viewed the parade and formal welcome from in front of the reviewing stand.

their children and dogs. The air was full of "Junior, stop pulling the dog's tail," "Honey, if you get your shoes wet, you'll get it," "Stop drinking soda pop and eat your salad." We bachelors had forgotten about the woes of married life until then. — There were two little Shipp's out, Roberta Jean and Jim, Jr. — Robert Innes wouldn't let go of his daddy — Hugo and Sassy-Little Anderberg were jumping all over the hills (they're dogs, you know) — Arthur Mallory dropped his bulbs and camera for a bat and ball — "Gyrene" Bill Evans, as usual, was kept busy hustling refreshments for the thirty crowd — Vincent Lagrasse demonstrated his athletic prowess for his goggle-eyed youngster — Bob Lent was pushing a stroller with his little one in it — Lou Freese was playing "Tarzan" along the creek — Dorothy Hopson wouldn't let her Ray eat more than three steaks — Grace Johnson showed up with a swabbie "disguised" in civilian clothes.

HOUSEWARMING: The Record Office's Pat Towne and her hubby were given a surprise housewarming last Saturday night. Navy personnel are famous for their secret punch recipes and for this occasion Chief Jacobson whipped out one of his best.

Civil Service Official To Speak to NFFE

A prominent Civil Service official, Mr. Arthur Gunn, assistant to the Director of the Twelfth Civil Service Commission region, will speak on "Trends In Civil Service" at a meeting to be held under the auspices of Local 496 of the National Federation of Federal Employees.

The meeting is scheduled for 2000 to 2200 Friday, 27 April, in the Lakeview Branch Library, 550 El Embarcadero, Oakland.

Mr. Gunn, in addition to his duties with the Civil Service Commission is also President of Local 712 of NFFE and the 1st Vice-president of the state federation of NFFE.

A cordial invitation to all federal employees and Naval personnel to hear Mr. Gunn is extended by the federation. The Lakeview Branch Library is just off MacArthur Boulevard, and next to Lake Merritt.

American tourist: "Where am I at?"

Englishman: "My dear fellow, you use terrible grammar. You should say, 'Where is my 'at?'"

Free Insurance Bill Is Before Congress

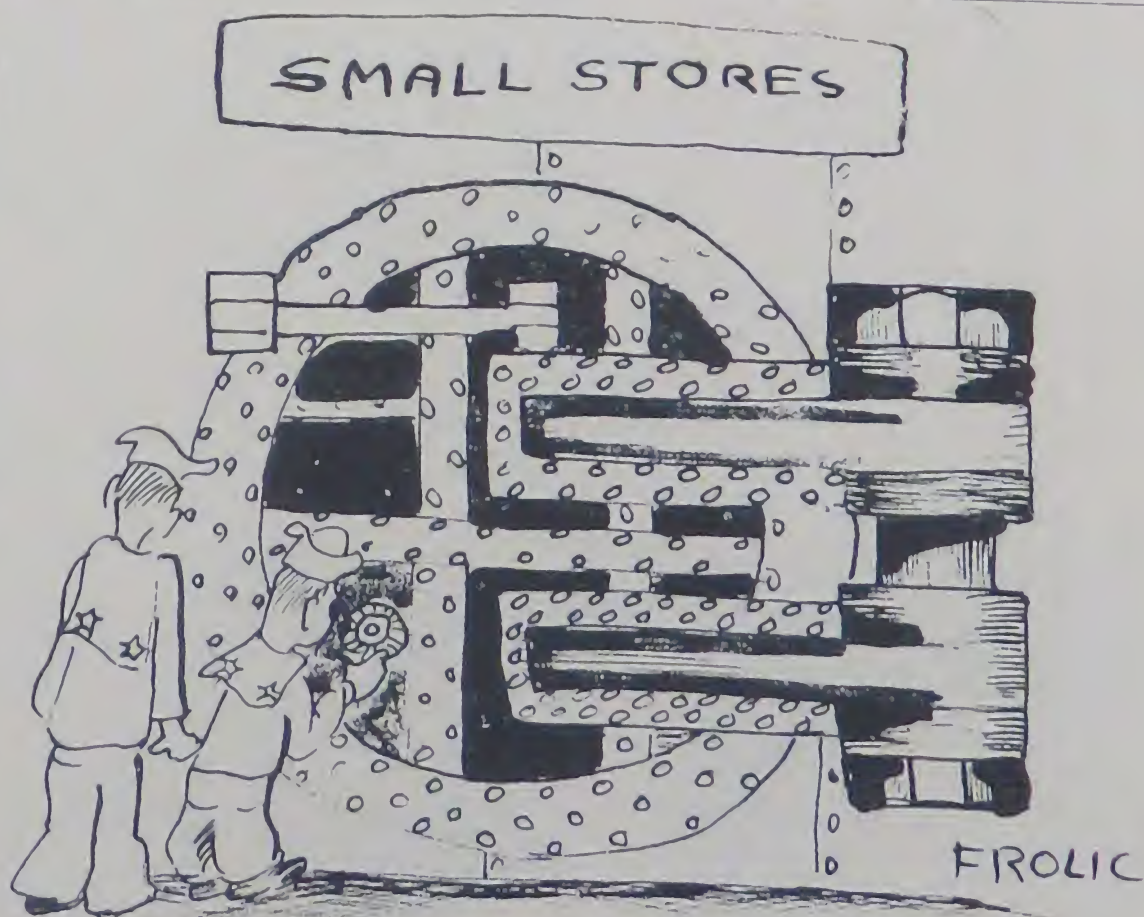
Washington (AFPS)—A cost-free ten thousand dollar death gratuity for all persons in the Armed Services since the start of the Korean conflict has been virtually assured.

A conference committee settled Senate-House differences over the legislation. It now goes back for expected approval, first by the House and then the Senate.

The death gratuity would apply to all persons in the Armed Services since June 27 last year. It would be paid to surviving wife or husband, children or parents.

If the service man or woman carried Government Insurance for \$5,000, the measure would increase the amount \$5,000 to \$10,000. Premiums previously paid on Government Insurance also would be refunded.

The conferees worked out a compromise to let service men and women continue their Government Insurance after leaving the Service. They would have to pay premiums on "term" insurance with rates based on age, increasing every five years.



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Knoll Baseball Team Loses to Two Rock

Oak Knoll sluggers suffered defeat in their first game of the season last Tuesday as they were walked over by the team from Two Rock Ranch Station by the score of 7 to 3.

Baseball mentor Joe Reginato says the game was close all the way and the two Rock Ranch team edged the Knollites out mostly by luck, accompanied by sweat and teamwork.

An exceptional part of the Two Rock team was the pitcher, who fanned thirteen of the local boys during the nine-inning game. Oak Knoll's Bournellis started on his way to outshine the opposing pitcher, however, by fanning eight men in four innings. But in the fourth inning, Oak Knoll received a bad break and Bournellis split a finger. He continued to pitch until the sixth inning, but had to go to the showers when the pain became too much for him. He was relieved by Steve Tambourski, who pitched until the end of the game.

During the course of the game, Two Rock scored 9 hits, 7 runs, and 4 errors, while Oak Knoll tallied 4 hits, 3 runs, and 5 errors. The Knollites had an especially bad time during the upper half of the sixth as one man was walked in, and an error was good for two more Two Rock runs.

Members of the Oak Knoll team all agree that the boys at Two Rock are the best of hosts and good sportsmen, besides being good ball-players. In the game next week, the locals will take on Camp Stoneman, and should play a bang-up game now that they have gotten the feel of the ball.

Navy Tests New Arctic Uniform

Washington (AFPS)—The Navy's first Arctic uniform, a lightweight outfit containing almost no wool and designed to keep sailors warm while on deck in the coldest Arctic seas, is now undergoing inspection tests in the far north.

After completion of the tests, it will be up to the Navy Uniform Board to determine when and if the outfit will be put into production.

The Navy has used the moisture barrier principle in designing the uniform so it will be warm and light, yet use a minimum of wool. This principle involves two layers of cloth between which is a sealed chamber, providing insulating air.

Weighing 18 pounds, the outfit will cost about \$130, which is less than the cost of present cold-weather clothing.



Pictured above as they received awards from CAPT I. L. V. Norman, USN, Executive Officer, for competition in the hospital Golf Tournament are CDR Milton Kurzrok, runner-up, and LTJG Robert Ware, champion. Also shown is Joe Reginato, athletic director, who directed the tournament.

Officers' Golf Team Upset by Letterman

Accepting a challenge from the Officer's Golf team from Letterman General Hospital, the Oak Knoll Officer's team were guests at Letterman last week and suffered defeat by the score of 15 to 6.

Hospital officers who played in the match were, in their respective positions, LTJG R. M. Ware, CDR Milton Kurzrok, LT Julius Spence, CDR James Dillon, CAPT G. H. Ekblad, LTJG Robert McGinnis, and LCDR A. P. Daul.

On 26 April the local team hopes to avenge the loss when they will tangle with the same opponents on the Sequoyah Golf Links.

New Naval Torpedo Now Being Tested

Washington (AFPS)—New types of high speed torpedoes, which can be fired from surface vessels, submarines or aircraft will soon be in production, the Navy disclosed recently. A new type of rocket launcher is also ready for use.

The new torpedoes will "present a positive threat to any submarine in existence or being built," Rear Adm. M. F. Schoeffel, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, said.

First sergeants may not make many friends, but they certainly influence a lot of people!

X-ray Leads Bowling League With No Losses

In the third week of the bowling league, Oak Knoll keggers are now beginning to eliminate the experts from the apprentices as teams begin to establish their positions.

As the averages were tabulated for the past week, the X-ray team still stands in front with a perfect record, eight games won and none lost. In second place comes the Night Crew with an average of .750, three games won and one game lost, and in third place are the Nurses, fourteen games won and six lost.

Standings for the rest of the league are as follows: fourth, MAA, eleven games won and five lost; fifth, Physical Therapy, thirteen games won, seven lost; sixth, Record Office, four won, and four lost; seventh, Commissary, seven won, nine lost; eighth, Artificial Limb, nine games won, thirteen lost; ninth, CPO's, nine won, fifteen lost; tenth, N. P. Department, one game won, seven lost; and in the cellar position are the Women Dependents, one game won and fifteen lost.

Hospital athletic director Joe Reginato, plus all the members of the bowling teams are sending out an urgent SOS for pin-setters to work on Tuesdays and Thursdays for league games. There is some good money to be made for only a few hours work—pin-setters are paid 10c per line plus the tips. Some of the teams have suggested dropping out because of the lack of pin-setters so anyone who would like to earn a little extra money is urged to contact the Welfare and Recreation Office.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 22 April

FOURTEEN HOURS—Paul Douglas, Richard Basehart, MELODRAMA. Lieutenant Dunnigan (Paul Douglas) is near a New York hotel on St. Patrick's Day, sees a man (Richard Basehart) on 15th floor ledge. He hurries to the room and hears him threaten to jump. Department ladders are too short to reach him, all available nets are too small to catch a body falling 15 floors. Dunnigan persuades the boy from jumping. He found to be a discharged veteran with a broken family. All attempts by his wife, psychiatrist and police fail to save him from his suicide attempt. Dunnigan is the only person he trusts. The climax climaxes when he slips to his death on a ledge before a safety net is placed below him. Rated excellent.

Monday, 23 April

FULLER BRUSH GIRL—Luella, Eddie Albert, COMEDY. This is one of Columbia's most delightful bits of stick whimsy. The plot, which is much involved, revolves around Miss who gives up her job as a switchboard operator to become a Fuller Brush girl. Never able to do any job right, she gives an audience a very amusing and relaxing 84 minutes. Rated very good.

Tuesday, 24 April

APACHE DRUMS (COLOR)—Sergeant McNally, Colleen Gray, DRAMA. This is a Universal film that should give movie-goer a thrilling evening. No one's rating available.

Wednesday, 25 April

WHEN THE REDSKINS RODE—Hall, Mary Castle, WESTERN. One of Columbia's famous westerns, this should rank with the best of them. Not released for reviewing.

Thursday, 26 April

HER FIRST ROMANCE—Mary O'Brien, Allen Martin, Jr., No information available on this one, but with Mary playing the lead it should rate with the best. This is one of her first "growing up" roles.

Friday, 27 April

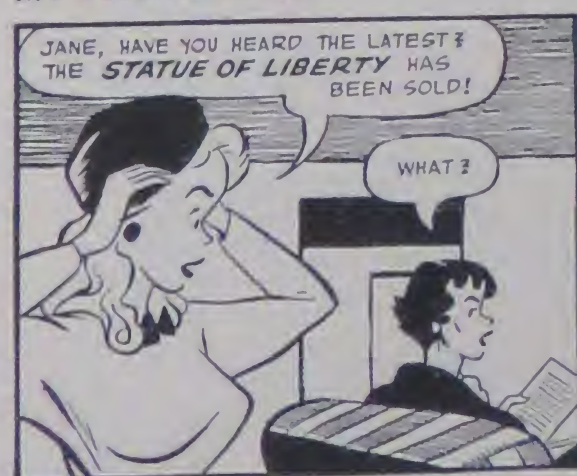
THE BRAVE BULLS—Mel Ferrer, Anthony Quinn, DRAMA. This is a story of the bull ring and one of its greatest matadors, Luis Bello (Mel Ferrer). Luis is worshipped by his younger brother, the top bull fighter in Mexico but he is very boring until he meets a girl named Linda. The girl and Luis are killed in a car accident and becomes a coward. It isn't until he sees his younger brother in the ring that he realizes his old greatness. No rating available.

Saturday, 28 April

HARRIET CRAIG—Joan Crawford, William Coren, DRAMA. This film, taken from George Kelly's noted Pulitzer Prize-winning story, should please those who like radio soap operas and their film counterparts with the dramatics of domestic life. The story of a happily-married couple whose relationship gradually deteriorates because of Joan's jealousy until Corey is estranged from his friends and also loses a promotion. After her game is discovered, she is alone by everyone, including her husband. Rated very good.

Atlanta (AFPS)—The following help-wanted ad appeared in a local newspaper: "Wanted—A dog for aged and sick dog. Pay by the hour. Must furnish A-1 notarized references that you love a dog."

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General Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veterans Affairs (third from left), and the VA's new Chief Medical Director, Vice Admiral Joel T. Boone, MC, USN, Retired (fourth from left), stopped at Oak Knoll last Saturday to inspect Veterans Administration facilities. In the group assembled in the CO's office before starting a tour of various wards and departments are, left to right, Mr. A. W. Woolford, Director of Information from the VA central office in Washington; Captain J. N. C. Gordon, Commanding Officer; the two distinguished visitors; Captain I. L. V. Norman, Executive Officer; and Dr. C. H. Francis, Area Medical Director for the VA. General Gray and Admiral Boone are on a nation-wide tour of Veterans Administration installations.



Renewing old acquaintances with Marine patients on Ward 43A, is Col. H. L. Litzenberg, USMC. Pictured above are (left to right) Pfc N. B. Melchoir, Pfc L. R. Hargis, Cpl C. A. Ray, Col D. F. Willis, Col. Litzenberg, and Pfc E. C. Finn, all of the United States Marine Corps. Col. Litzenberg came aboard last week, as he stopped in San Francisco enroute to Washington, D. C., to visit patients from the Seventh Marines, and bring them up to date on the current activities of their buddies still in action in Korea. Col. Litzenberg is one of the most decorated officers in the Marine Corps. Among other decorations, he wears the Distinguished Service Medal and two Silver Stars, received for his outstanding leadership and heroism in action.

V.A. Officials, Inchon Hero, Here for Visit

Hospital administrators and patients received their usual quota of distinguished visitors last week end.

Colonel H. L. Litzenberg, Jr., hero of the Inchon Reservoir campaign and one of the most decorated Officers in the Marine Corps, stopped here Friday morning en route from Korea to new duties in Washington, D. C., to visit men of the Seventh Marines, First Division, and bring them up to date on the current operations of their buddies still in action.

The Colonel, who began his career as an enlisted man, praised the Marines as a "grand bunch of boys," capable of adapting themselves to any and all situations. He emphasized the fact that their calmness, perseverance, and ability to cooperate with other military groups have enabled the United Nations forces to hold many front-line defenses under terrific odds. Among the ribbons Colonel Litzenberg wears are the Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Stars, and The Legion of Merit, for his outstanding leadership and heroism in action.

Saturday morning, Vice Admiral Joel T. Boone, MC, USN, Retired, a long-time friend of Oak Knoll, came to the hospital with General Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veterans Affairs, to confer with the Commanding Officer and inspect facilities for VA patients.

This was Admiral Boone's first visit here since his recent retirement from the Medical Corps and acceptance of his new position as Chief Medical Director for the Veterans Administration. He was a frequent visitor to the hospital while in his last Navy assignment as Inspector, General, Medical Department Activities, and his former post, that of Inspector, Medical Department Activities, Pacific Coast.

The two VA officials are on a nation-wide tour of Veterans Administration installations.

Dr. Thornburg Now Certified by Board

LT Frank M. Thornburg, MC, USN, is receiving congratulations on his recent certification to the American Board of Anesthesiology. He took the examinations on 6 April when they were given at Coronado in conjunction with Western Regional Conference of Anesthesiologists.

Dr. Thornburg is the twenty-second member of the hospital staff who is a certified specialist in his field.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"With desolation is the world laid desolate, because no man has considered in his heart."

One of the greatest powers given to mankind by the Creator is the ability to think, that is, to seek and find truths. But how few of us use our minds seriously! The functions of the mind have to be strengthened and developed by use since they are not given to us full-grown. The mind has to be trained and properly educated in order not to make mistakes in the search for truth. Most of all, we have to fearlessly train our minds to admit the truth when we find it, because we may evade truths which don't please us.

It is a pitiable thing that in our day many people are completely illogical, that is, they contradict themselves without knowing it, and their ideas about fundamental things are vague and indefinite. And yet, our own destiny and the destinies of other people depend on use of intelligence! Rather than take the time to think things through, we are prone to accept half-truths and hearsay that we pick up.

Everyone should find a set of fixed values for his life, and these must be true values if they are to be of real help. These serve the same purpose that fixed stars do in navigation, and we must have them if we are to chart a true course and arrive at our destination. There are plenty of false theories in the world, new fads in thinking and false teachers who are popular for awhile, do their damage, and then disappear.

If we had been created without brains, we would not be responsible for all the mistakes we make. But most of the confusion and sorrow in our lives comes from the fact that we will not "consider in our hearts."

W. J. TROWER, Protestant Chaplain.

The Catholic Chaplain's office wishes to remind all hands of the Catholic faith that Thursday, 3 May is Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day for Catholics. Masses will be celebrated at 0630, 1000, and 1150.

Grand Island, Neb. (AFPS) — To prove people will sign anything, a local newspaper circulated a petition, apparently asking for better recreational facilities. Buried in the text was a request "that I be hanged by the neck until dead." Thirty-five persons signed.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY
1930 — In Chaplains' Office — Ward 40A

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
0630 — 0900 — 1215
DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1150
Confessions before Mass
NOVENA DEVOTIONS AND
CHOIR PRACTICE:
TUESDAY 1900
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
CHAPEL & 40A
NAVY RELIEF OFFICE — 40A

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 1000
in Staff Conference Room,
Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
upon request to the Chaplains' Office

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Brigham Young U. Choir To Perform Here 9 May

One of the finest and best-known choral organizations in the West will present a program for patients and staff members 9 May, at 1400. The A Cappella Choir of Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, is currently on tour and will present their program under the direction of Mr. Newell B. Wright.

B.Y.U. has always had outstanding choirs, but this group, formed in 1949, is the first to be formally organized. The group is now touring the Western states and during the stop at Oak Knoll will present many favorite numbers. Selections will include music from the Early Churches (Jewish Religious Melodies), Songs of Worship from the Modern Churches, Madrigals and Folk Music, and Pastels in Tone, from the Modern Repertoire.

All patients and staff members interested in the finest of choral music should make it a point to be on hand for this program. The concert will be presented in the hospital auditorium.

Cartoonist Needed!

Is there an Al Capp in the house? Does your drawing remind people of Leonardo da Vinci and your jokes send them into uncontrollable fits of laughter? If so, the Oak Leaf may have a job for you as a cartoonist. Anyone interested in applying for this opening is invited to submit samples of his work to the Oak Leaf Office in Building 67B.



Stamp collecting has long been a favorite hobby with many people. Pictured above working with their own collections are, left to right, George Hall, VAP, Cpl. Robert Sanders, USMC, Mrs. Alice Dallas, Alameda Chapter Red Cross Gray Lady, William C. Knight, HM2, ward corpsmen, Pfc. Frank Macios, USMC, and Sgt. Riggo Alassandro, USMC, all of Ward 76B.

Red Cross Ramblings

STAMP CLUB

The very first postage stamp was issued in Great Britain in 1840. It was a penny black in color and bore the image of Queen Victoria. Soon became one of the world's best loved hobbies. Too many people who look at philately from the outer shell think that we only collect those little bits of paper from different countries to place in books

and forget. Many of us when we were mere youngsters attending school thought of collecting stamps, especially when one of our friends in the neighborhood received an interesting letter from someone in a far-off place and the gay-colored stamps on the envelope fascinated us. Much can be learned about distant countries through correspondence with stamp collectors in those areas. Their stamps contribute news of local happenings as they occur in everyday life.

Stamp collecting can become a wonderful hobby, a mixture of goodwill, mutual friendship, and enjoyment. Friends and goodwill go together to make stamp collecting our king of hobbies. Did you know that in Austria every Fall the Austria Prize, a great horse race, is held at the Freudnau Track, Vienna. To raise funds for this event, Austria has issued five engraved semi-postals showing horse races in action, or did you know that America's Statue of Liberty goes to a foreign country on a stamp? A stamp from Uruguay pictures this famous statue. The stamp is from an issue brought out in 1919 by that South American Republic.

Current happenings are often marked by new postage stamps. An Italian stamp appeared to mark the wedding of Crown Prince Humbert and Princess Maria Jose, of Belgium. Few newly-weds succeed in getting their portraits on postage stamps as these two did!

To you who are interested in stamps but say, "What shall I collect," the answer is, collect those that interest you most. In collecting, when you use a blank album, you should make notations as they help to improve the appearance and also increase its value.

CHESS CHATTER

Chess matches are coming thick and fast these days. The word gets around that we have a team here and offers for games arrive in large

numbers. On Tuesday evening we were hosts to a team of eight from Letterman General Hospital and lost the match by points. The final score, 15-13, found us at the short end. We hope to make the return visit across the bridge some time in May and maybe right odds.

Wednesday evening, Cutter Laboratories from Berkeley visited the hospital with a team of ten men and emerged victorious by a score of 24-10. Members of our hospital club who took part in this match were Dr. John McVeigh, Alphonse Raquino, Ward 43A, Paul Philbrick, Ward 49A, Jack Ritter, corpsman Ward 41A, Joe Williamson, Ward 41A, Richard Fenzel, Ward 41A, Chief Leslie R. staff, Chief Robert Lyons, staff, Joe Hawkins, and William Mather, Ward 61A. We are looking forward to another visit from the pharmaceutical factory next month.

Second Staff Picnic Planned For 6 May

Barring an unforeseen deluge of California "dew," the next Staff Picnic will be held on Sunday, 6 May. Steaks, beer, potato salad, and all will again be the featured items of the hospital staff journeys to Orchard Area of Redwood Regional Park for another afternoon of fun and fun.

Transportation will be provided with the bus leaving the Comm. Service Building at 1200. All members of the staff are invited to bring their families or guests for the occasion.

Elizabeth, N. J. (AFPS) — A radio station broadcasted the names of cities in which there would be school because of bad weather. Roneously, the announcer included Elizabeth. The youngsters got a holiday.



New Neurosurgery

Now functioning full speed is the new Neurosurgery Ward (78A), recently completed and activated. Working in the specially-equipped operating room (photo at left above) are L. Pheby, HM3, CDR A. L. Schultz, LTJG H. S. Wandling, Jr., CDR D. C. Turnipseed, and LT M. Herring. On the ward (lower left), J. Brown HM3, ward corpsman, prepares medication for Pfc. Walter Nelson, USMC, with Pfc. J. Rodenbaugh in the foreground. In the picture below the newly assigned a.m. nurse on the ward, ENS Caramae B. Milam, takes the temperature of Cpl. D. Krywokulski.



Scuttlebutt

By DERF

STUFF 'N STUFF: HM3 Fred Adams will soon swap his one lonely red stripe for one and a-half gold ones. He'll be commissioned a LTJG in the Chaplain's Corps—One of our flying corpsmen reports that the VA Hospital in Memphis is located at "Park and Get Well Streets"—Marion Trujillo's swabbie husband came sailing home the other day, and she's been cooing like mad ever since—Physio's Ruth Thietten is back from a thirty-day leave and she's having the doggondest time getting back into the swing of port and starboard liberty—Transportation's Wendell Phillips just won a car. It always happens; he already has one. I was counting on winning the car he won—Leland Gentzler, our lucky corpsman who won \$1,000 worth of prizes, says some of the things he received are: \$100 worth of dancing lessons, \$100 of perfumes, several wrist watches, and a gas range. All the gifts aren't in yet, but we'll keep you posted—Joe Toschi, from Staff Personnel, has the culinary arts conquered. He's so good in the baking department that his wife asked him to bake their daughter's birthday cake—Do you know the members of your Recreation Committee? Chief Anderberg from the CPO Club leads the list, Bob Innes, Oak Leaf Editor, Lesona Steineke from Physiotherapy, Staff Personnel's Fred Comas, Recreation Office's Joe Schodl, and Chuck Bonero from the Laboratory School all sit in on the committee meetings. Lee Steinecke is always looking for decorators to help before dances, and they're all open to suggestions about dances, picnics, beach

parties, etc. — Art Sandberg can always be found. If you ever want to contact him, look by the Ad Building's pay phone—Having any legal difficulties? Contact Tom Raum, HN; he was Deputy District Attorney in Wichita, Kansas—While we're at Kansas, did you ever notice how many cars from Kansas are running around Oak Knoll's hills? Do you suppose there's anyone left in the Sunflower State? — Bertha "Mae" Durant has been hearing "Once in Love With Amy" ever since Lillian Chinn went to see "Where's Charley." They sit across from one another—Jean Baptiste Fontenot came back from leave sporting a moustache. So very French! — Dorothy Hargrave runs everywhere hoping that time will fly fast and get her swabbie husband back sooner. He's due any day—Another one did it! George Rose tied the knot with an ex-patient—Bob Gibson has another pair of tiny feet pattering about the house, a boy this time—It looks like Annie Hoekstra will be at Annapolis' June Day ceremonies after all—Katie Evans and Florence Jones, new Waves from San Diego, haven't been warm since arriving in the Bay Area. They miss sunny San Diego.

MAY DAY DANCE: Eddie Murphy's orchestra provided the music for the EM Center's Dance heralding summer. Murphy's orchestra provided some of the most danceable music the Center has heard this year—Lee Steineke kept busy pinning gardenia corsages on the girls—Dick Bridge and the Mrs. looked smooth on the dance floor—Larry Katz' little woman couldn't get him to Charleston—Gordon (Dolly) Dolliver could not be budged from the bar—Elwood Sumner was pensive all evening. Probably thinking about this weekend when his little woman arrives.

Neurosurgical Department Opens New Operating Suite

Oak Knoll's neurosurgery department, where more than 200 patients are under treatment, and where more than 40 major operations are performed each month, has recently added a new neurosurgical operating suite that makes the department one of the best-equipped in the Navy.

Ward 78A is the location of the operating suite and a ward where special cubicles have been constructed for the care of patients with head injuries.

One of the many advantages of the new surgery is that it is no longer necessary to transport post-opera-

tive cases long distances about the compound. Following operation the patient may now be placed directly in bed in surgery, where the anesthesiologist and doctor are immediately available in case any complication occurs. On one side of the surgery is a room designed for electro-encephalography, the room specially screened and grounded to prevent electrical interference in the sensitive brain wave recorder. This will enable the department to study head injuries, brain tumors, and brain scars resulting from wounds. On the other side of the operating room are three rooms for X-ray studies, one for an X-ray machine, a dark room, and a reading and storage room. These rooms have been added and facilitate special X-ray studies on brain tumors and other neurosurgical diagnostic problems.

Cubicles in the specially-equipped ward adjacent to the operating suite are the last word in housing and care of head injury cases, post-operative brain cases, and other types of neurosurgery cases, seven wards are the feature of each cubicle is the oxygen and suction outlet at the head of each bed.

The unit also has facilities for post-operative care of officers who have had neurosurgical operations.

At Oak Knoll, which is the Navy's West Coast center for treatment of neurosurgery cases, nine wards are now being used for this specialty. They are 79A and B, 78A, 74A and B (where special physiotherapy treatment is available) and the convalescent sections on Ward 81A and B.



Servicing the equipment on Ward 78A, Neurosurgery, is K. Hamilton, HM3, ward corpsman. The new ward has recently been completed and put into service and contains all the latest and finest equipment available.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

15 April

WINN, Paula Theresa, to wife of George Winn, SN, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
SHEYA, Pamela Elizabeth, to wife of George Sheya, LT, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
RUNYON, Ronald Damon, to wife of Willie Runyon, ENC, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
ELLING, James Paul, to wife of Robert Eling, AD1, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
DAVENPORT, Patricia Gail, to wife of Harley Davenport, ET1, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
RAO, Laura Lee, to wife of Louis Rao, Pfc, 9 pounds.

16 April

WALLACE, Kathleen, to wife of John Wallace ET1, 6 pounds.
CLARK, Christine Susan, to wife of Thomas Clark, BMC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
TUCKER, Robert Malcolm, Jr., to wife of Robert Tucker, AD1, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
SHOMBER, Girl, to wife of Paul Shomber, SA, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
STEPHENSON, Rhonda Lee, to wife of Joe Stephenson, SA, 9 pounds, 12 ounces.
SMITH, Judith Annette, to wife of Ray Smith, RMN1, 7 pounds.
WILLIAMS, Marion Helen, to wife of Robert Williams, MM1, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
JOHNSON, Dennis Ray, to wife of Robert Johnson, YN3, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
COLEMAN, Ronald Genial, to wife of George Coleman, Pvt, 8 pounds, 10½ ounces.

17 April

HARTSOG, Karen Lorraine, to wife of Clarence Hartsog, ME3, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
POE, Carol Ann, to wife of Henry Poe, CWO, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
FENSTERMAKER, Paul Wilson, to wife of Paul Fenstermaker, SH3, 10 pounds, 7 ounces.
SULLIVAN, Maudeen Carolyn, to wife of William Sullivan, SN, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
GAMBERG, Janet Marie, to wife of Carl Gamberg, AD2, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
WHITE, Anthony Edward, to wife of Kenneth White, Cpl., 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

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ADAMS, Stanley Maxwell, Jr., to wife of Stanley Adams, LTCOL, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
CARDENAS, Timothy, Jr., to wife of Timothy Cardenas, SN, 7 pounds.
PLOCHER, Phillip Gregory, to wife of Martin Plocher, MMC, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
FREEMAN, Lisa Marie, to wife of Peter Freeman, SA, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
NICCUM, Steven William, to wife of Dale Niccum, MM2, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
BAXTER, Leonard Lee, to wife of Matthew Baxter, DC2, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
MARMISH, Paul Michael, to wife of John Marmish, M/Sgt, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
COULTER, Dennis DeWayne, to wife of John Coulter, PN2, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
HEINZ, Diana Lynn, to wife of William Heinz, END3, 7 pounds.
TEDFORD, Karen Ann, to wife of Orville Tedford, HMC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
CASTEEL, Pamela Ann, to wife of James Casteel, SH2, 8 pounds.
JEFFERSON, Girl, to wife of Robert Jefferson, ME3, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

19 April

DYER, Ann Louise, to wife of Richard Dyer, CAPT, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
HAUGHT, Girl, to wife of Charley Haught, LT, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
MILLAR, Michael Thomas, to wife of William Millar, SK2, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
BRINK, Michael Dennis, to wife of William Brink, AEC, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

20 April

CARROLL, Lorna Kay, to wife of William Carroll, Sgt, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
DARELIUS, Christine Louise, to wife of Jerome Darelius, ET1, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
MERRELL, David Allen, to wife of Billy Merrell, SK1, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
ALDEN, John Thomas, to wife of John Alden, ET1, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
HAMILTON, Michael George, to wife of Jenkins Hamilton, BM3, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

21 April

DOTSON, Deborah Mae, to wife of Charlie Dotson, AN, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.



Among those who gathered at the Officers' Club last Tuesday evening for dinner and a lecture given by Dr. W. Cutting, Professor of Therapeutics and Pharmacology at Stanford University School of Medicine, were, left to right: LTJG C. L. Klein, Medical Service; CDR W. S. Francis, Medical Service; LCDR G. W. Winkelman, Medical Service; LCDR C. K. Holloway, Surgical Service; LTJG Naomi G. Lund, intern; Dr. Cutting; LT H. C. Barton, Jr., Medical Service; LTJG H. A. Lorberbaum, intern; LT F. M. Thornburg, Anesthesiology; LTJG R. J. Harvey, Medical Service; and LTJG H. S. Wandling, Jr., intern. Dr. Cutting lectured on "Sympathomimetic and Sympatholytic Drugs."

EM Center Dance Draws Large Crowd

More than three hundred members of the hospital staff and their guests were present for the dance at the Enlisted Men's Center on Friday, 20 April. Music for the occasion was furnished by Eddie Murphy and his popular East Bay Rhythm Makers, and popular opinion seems to indicate that their music was some of the finest we have yet enjoyed at the dances. Dancers were treated to a variety of music, from soft, sweet swing to very danceable Latin American numbers.

There was one sad aspect to the festivities, however. The hostesses who were expected at the dance were unable to attend; so only those who brought their own guests were able to take part in the dancing. CAPT and Mrs. I. L. V. Norman were present to enjoy the dancing.

In acknowledgment for the Center decorations, a big "thank you" is due Leona Steineke and "Mugsy" Mahoney, who took charge.

The Recreation Committee informs us that the next dance in the recently commissioned Center will be held on 20 May, and promises to be another gala event.

People who have an hour to share usually spend it with someone who hasn't.

Staff Personalities

The familiar voice on the hospital compound that says, "Hey, don'tcha know the speed limit's fifteen miles an hour?" belongs to **Guy Chambliss**, HM1, of the Security Office. Guy hails from Dawson, Georgia, and by trade is a licensed embalmer and funeral director.

Better known as "Digger" to his friends, Guy attended Corps School in Brooklyn, then served aboard the USS Leonard Wood during the North African Campaign. "D" Day at the Normandy beachhead found him aboard an LCI on independent duty. He was a member of the first class to attend the ID School at Oceanview, Virginia.

Guy likes his job at Oak Knoll, and says he does a little of everything. He says, with tongue in cheek, that he would dislike covering the hospital on foot because of his bunions, hence the pick-up truck.



Industriously studying for advancement in rating is **William R. Nichols**, HM3, of the Maintenance Department. This photo was taken on Ship's Service rather than the Medical Library, but it caught Nick studying, nevertheless.

Nick calls Star City, Arkansas, home, where his wife and son, three years, now reside. By trade he is a licensed building contractor. During World War II he served three years in the Navy, two and a half years of that time with the FM. After being recalled to duty, he reported to Oak Knoll 7 January 1951.

Nick's work here consists of sketching old buildings for repair and modeling. After his tour of duty in the Navy is over, he plans to return to his business of building contracts and then run for Sheriff of his home town.

Navy to Begin Releasing Inactive Reservists During The Month of July

Washington (AFPS) — Release of inactive reserves in the Army will begin in September, the Defense Department has announced. All of them will be discharged by the end of the year.

The Navy and Air Force will start releasing their inactive Reserves in July, and will send them home in "substantial numbers" by October.

Marine inactive Reservists will be released starting in June. By July, 1952, the Department said, "no Marine Reservist will be serving duty involuntarily."

Assistant Defense Secretary Anna

M. Rosenberg disclosed the plans to the House Armed Services Committee, which is starting hearings on a broad new Reserve program proposed by the Defense Department.

She said the program, devised in anticipation of approval by Congress of compulsory military training, calls for the release of all Reservists "at the earliest practicable time."

Plans for these releases from service are naturally dependent on the international situation.

A great many so-called open minds, should be closed for repairs.

H. Heidt Talent Show To Be At TI All 12ND Personnel Eligible To Enter

Auditions for the Horace Heidt Show which is coming to Treasure Island next week, will be held Tuesday, 1 May, at 1900 in the Electronics Materiel School Auditorium, Building 127, Treasure Island. All service personnel in the Twelfth Naval District are eligible to compete for a spot in one of the six shows—three TV and three radio—to be held 6 to 9 May at the TI base theater.

A prize of \$250 will be awarded each one of the shows. Anyone selected at the audition who does not subsequently win one of the prizes will be paid at the full union scale for his or her effort.

Following the regular broadcast, a two-and-a-half-hour stage show with sixty performers, will be presented.

Welcome and Farewell

Twenty-eight new staff members reported aboard and twenty-two were detached during the week ending 23 April.

Reporting aboard were: LCDR L. O. Bishop, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Calif.; LT W. E. Larsen, from temporary duty, U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, Calif.; LTJG W. F. Hughes, from Aircraft, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, Cherry Point, N. C.; LTJG Betty J. Warden, from inactive duty; ENS's Marion E. Watson, Ellen B. Frame, Jeanne T. Moffitt, Marie N. Oling, Anne M. Sheridan, and Carolyn D. Woodward, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.; M. W. Wefferling, SK1, (W), from Receiving Station, Pearl Harbor, T. H.; J. M. Osborn, HM1, HM2's V. A. Perez, A. R. Woldberg, R. L. Birrell, L. F. Moad, and H. Casaletto, HM3's M. Cassotta, R. W. Veltus, R. T. Sobczyk, M. K. Chew, F. G. Brazil, and E. D. Berg, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; H. M. Biscoe, HM3, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; F. Snively, HN, S. D. Epp, HN, P. W. Carey, HA, and P. L. Cole, SA, from USNRS, Treasure Island, California.

Detached were LTJG L. C. Lohoff, to inactive duty; J. C. Douglas, HM1, to DISTSTAFFHQRS, Com12, for duty at 50 Fell St., San Francisco, Calif.; L. E. Windle, HM1, to FLAG-ADMUNIT, ComAirPac, Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.; HM1's W. M. Wagner, L. J. Sheldon, and R. A. Crist, Jr., to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif., FFT; A. H. Gross, HM2, to FIGHTRON 54, Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.; HM2's F. M. Cahill, and K. L. Carl, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif., FFT; V. D. Hillman, HM2, to PATRON 46, Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.; F. L. Bartlett, HM3, to PATRON 40, Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.; HM3's B. L. McHahan, and M. H. Radke, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif., FFT; B. N. Kirk, HM3, to AIRTRANSRON 2, Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif.; W. J. Gelien, HN, to Naval Shipyard, San Francisco, Calif., FFT; HN's H. W. Jones, W. F. Gaston, and R. L. Adamson, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif., FFT; HN's F. A. Rumsey, and R. Norstrom, and R. D. Boisvert, HA, to Air FMF Pac, El Toro, Calif.; and J. A. Hadsall, HA, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California, FFT.

Great Books Group To Study Thucydides

The Oak Knoll Great Books Discussion Group will meet as usual in the Crew's Library, Monday, 7 May, at 1500. The reading under discussion will be selections from Thucydides' "History."

New members may still join the group, which meets every week to discuss readings from the works of some of the great writers of Western culture. There is no educational requirement other than a willingness and ability to do the reading.

Additional information about the group is available from Miss Trudy Roehrig in the Red Cross Office.

The owner of a pet shop is never laced by life's disappointments. He takes the twitter with the tweet.

Sgt. Blakley, S/Sgt. Plummer Decorated



Pictured above are S/Sgt. Vernon J. Plummer, USMC, and Sgt. Clifford C. Blakley, USMCR, congratulating each other in CAPT J. N. C. Gordon's office after receiving awards for heroism. Plummer was presented a Bronze Star and Blakley won the Silver Star.

Sgt. Clifford C. Blakley, USMCR, was presented the Silver Star Medal and S/Sgt. Vernon J. Plummer, USMC, was awarded the Bronze Star by CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, Commanding Officer of the hospital, during ceremonies last week.

Sergeant Blakley won the Silver Star "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with a Marine infantry company in Korea on 8 December 1950." The citation further declares that Blakley's "courageous actions materially aided the progress of his company and undoubtedly saved the lives of many Marines."

Sergeant Plummer won his medal for "heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy while serving with a Marine infantry company in Korea on 27 September 1950. . . . Staff Sergeant Plummer, acting as a platoon sergeant of a rifle platoon, displayed outstanding professional skill, courage, and leadership."

Blakley has been a Marine for four years and eight months, and had been overseas three months before being wounded. Plummer has a total of eight years and nine months in the Marines and had been in Korea two months before receiving his injury.

Bond Campaign To Begin Soon

An intensified campaign to stimulate interest in ownership of United States Savings Bonds will be started in the next week or two, according to T. R. Newsom, assistant to the Savings Bond Officer, LCDR M. P. Huber.

Civilian employees will be appointed as Savings Bonds representatives in each office. Their job will be to stimulate interest in the Savings Bond Program and to facilitate sign-ups for buying bonds through payroll deductions. The representatives will be able to give full information on this "painless" savings plan and to provide the necessary forms.

"Many of us would like to start now to build up a nest egg for the future, but with rising prices it does seem difficult to set aside money for savings on our own initiative," says Mr. Newsom. "However, the Savings Bond representative in each department will be on hand to help anyone who is interested in saving to get over that first hurdle. By means of the payroll savings plan the process of saving is made easier and more certain."

Chicago (AFPS) — To celebrate their 68th year in the grocery business, a chain-store concern dropped the price of 15,000 pounds of coffee for one day to the figure it was on the day they opened. In less than two hours the supply was gone and many housewives seeking the 19-cent-a-pound coffee fainted in the crush.

Drunk to M.P.: "Just because my eyes are red is no sign that I'm a drunk. For all you know, I may be a white rabbit."

Free Insurance Bill Goes to President

Washington (AFPS) — The Servicemen's Indemnity Act of 1951, providing for a cost-free death gratuity of \$10,000 payable to survivors of men killed in the Armed Forces on and after 27 June, 1950, has cleared both House and Senate and now awaits the President's signature.

Reconciliation of differences between House and Senate versions of the death gratuity law also resulted in the following additional provisions:

(1) The protection period extends from the time of call to active duty, in case of Selective Service induction, and from the period of active duty for personnel of other categories, plus 120 days after separation from service.

(2) If an individual is disabled in service to such an extent as to make him ineligible for normal National Life insurance, he may obtain non-participating NSLI after separation from service, and where the disability is total, a waiver of premiums may be granted.

(3) Any person in active service having a World War I or II policy may continue it in force, or surrender a permanent plan policy for cash and reinstate it, or obtain a new policy on the same plan and in the same amount without a showing of good health after separation from service.

Provision is also made for the waiver of premiums on term policies for individuals in this category and for waiver of a portion of the premium on permanent policies while the individual is returned to service. Specific provision is made that nothing in the Act shall be construed to cancel or restrict rights under insurance contracts issued on or prior to the date of enactment of the new law.

Other provisions of the Act are:

Beneficiaries are limited to members of the immediate family. Maximum indemnity will be paid in monthly installments of \$92.90 over a 10-year period. Indemnity is exempt from creditor's claims and taxation.

Within 120 days after discharge, during which time the individual was covered by the gratuitous indemnity, he may apply for, without medical examination, a term policy up to \$10,000.

Premiums will be based on the 1941 Commissioner's Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality, with interest at two-and-one-quarter per cent. In the future, all NSLI policies will be issued on this table. This will result in reduced premiums, but will eliminate dividend payments. The 5-year level premium term plan will be the only plan employed.

"Well Done"

OFFICE of PRESIDENT
Naval General Court Martial
Twelfth Naval District
Receiving Ship
San Francisco, California

24 April, 1951.

Captain J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN
U. S. Naval Hospital
Oakland, California

Dear Dr. Gordon:

I was sent to your hospital with the "Flu" and was released on 4 April, 1951.

I wish to thank you and Dr. Cuttle and the doctors in Ward 66-A for the excellent treatment I received. Also I wish to say that I appreciated the excellent services of the nurses and corpsmen in that ward. They all were most efficient in their duties.

Most sincerely,

W. D. HOOVER.

Captain, U. S. Navy.

Softball League Gets Underway

Monday, 23 April, saw the start of the softball tournament at this hospital. The tourney got under way as the Civil Service Girls Team played the CPO's, and got walloped to the tune of 18 to 3. The second game of inter-hospital play was scheduled on Tuesday, but had to be postponed until Friday. Results of this game between the Record Office and Surgery II were not available for this issue.

The following is a list of the teams scheduled to participate in the tourney. Civil Service Girls, Record Office, N. P. Department, CPO's, Surgery II, Officers, and Laboratory. The starting time for all games will be 1645, and no later than 1700. No baseball or softball spikes will be used at any time. If a protest arises, the managers involved will meet with either Joe Reginato or W. V. Johnson, HM2, and all decisions will be final.

Other games scheduled for this week were Independents vs. N. P. Department, CPO's vs. Surgery II, and Officers vs. Laboratory.

Urgent Need For Baseball Players

The heads of the Oak Knoll baseballers are now both bloody and bowed, as the team dropped another game this week to the Presidio nine on the opponents' field.

Last week the local boys played host to Camp Stoneman and dropped the second game of the series by a score of 11 to 4. In this week's game, Presidio took the nod to the tune of 12 to 1.

The baseball mentor, Joe Reginato, sends out a plea this week for experienced ball players. He reports that due to transfers, his team has dwindled to eleven men, barely enough to keep a team on the field. Coach Reginato says he especially needs pitchers and utility players. Anyone interested should get in touch with the coach immediately in the Welfare and Recreation Office.

Knoll Golfers Lose To Supply Center

Oak Knoll link artists defeated Mare Island by a score of 12½ to 2½ at Lake Chabot 18 April, but lost a match to NSC, Oakland, by the score of 9 to 6, 23 April. This chalks up two consecutive wins and one loss for the local team in the Twelfth Naval District Tourney.

In the match played 18 April, LTJG Robert Ware, hospital champion and team captain, recorded a 73, but his opponent was so close that they split 1½ points each. Willie Jefferson, playing second position, dropped a point on the first nine, but won the second nine, carding a 78. CDR J. R. Dillon's opponent was three under par the first three holes, but soon folded under the steady play of CDR Dillon, who took all three points and tagged a 76.

In the game against NSC, Oakland, the Knollites did not come out so well. Even though LTJG Ware took a 70, good for 2½ points, CDR Sylvester, who placed third in the 12ND individual tourney, led the NSC team to a hard-fought victory. LTJG Ware reports that his heart jumped into his mouth as his ball approached the 16th hole green. It looked like a sure hole-in-one, but the pill stopped just three inches short of the cup.

Physio Takes Lead In Bowling Tourney

Standings in the hospital bowling league, as of the completion of rounds finished last Tuesday evening, leaves Physiotherapy out in front with 20 games won, 8 games lost, for an average of .714. Tied for second place are the Nurses and MAA's, each with 15 games won and 9 lost. In third is X-ray, 11 won, 9 lost; fourth, Artificial Limb, 13 won, 11 lost; fifth, Night Crew and CPO's, each having averages of .500.

The schedule for last Thursday, 26 April, matched Commissary against Night Crew, Women Dependents vs. Laundry, and Record Office vs. N. P. Department. Scores were not available in time for this issue of the Oak Leaf.

Chief B. F. Wilson, Bowling Commissioner, informs us that there is still a chance for hospital personnel to pick up a little extra money by working as pin-setters for the league games on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. If the league is to continue, pin-setters must be on hand for these games.

"I can't eat this garbage," cried the enraged diner. "Call the manager."

"S no use," said the waiter, "he won't eat it either."



CDR Tracy D. Cuttle, of the hospital staff, is pictured above with proof that he now is qualified to tell a good fish story.

PREVIEWS CDR Cuttle Hooks Fish-Lands Trophy

Sunday, 29 April
HOLLYWOOD STORY — Richard Conte, Julia Adams. DRAMA. This is a new Universal film not yet released to reviewers. Should be good.

Monday, 30 April
711 OCEAN DRIVE — Edmund O'Brien, Joanne Drew. MELODRAMA. An excellent cast gives this recent Columbia picture a rating of good.

Tuesday, 1 May
COMMUNISTS FOR THE F.B.I. — Frank Lovejoy, Dorothy Hart. No information available on this one. Its relation to current events should make it a good one to see.

Wednesday, 2 May
SMUGGLERS GOLD — Cameron Mitchell, Amanda Blake. DRAMA. A new Columbia film not yet released to reviewers. However, reports indicate it will be another hit.

Thursday, 3 May
THE SCARF — Mercedes McCambridge, John Ireland. DRAMA. This is an interesting, arty picture that represents an experiment rather than a striving for mass entertainment. Full of suspense, it pictures certain aspects of American life. Acting throughout is good, although sometimes overdone. Rated good.

Friday, 4 May
QUEEN FOR A DAY — Phyllis Avery, Ruby Lee. COMEDY. Tied to the national radio program of the same name, this film gives the movie-goer an idea of what happens when prizes are given away in such fantastic amounts. Performances, by a cast composed entirely of newcomers, are excellent. Rated good.

Saturday, 5 May
THE PALOMINO (COLOR) — Jerome Courtland, Beverly Tyler. This Columbia release was first shown to the general public early last year. Although excellent color is used, it rated only fair with reviewers.

Dr. Tracy D. Cuttle's reputation as a fisherman reached a new high when he and Mrs. Cuttle vacationed in Mexico last week.

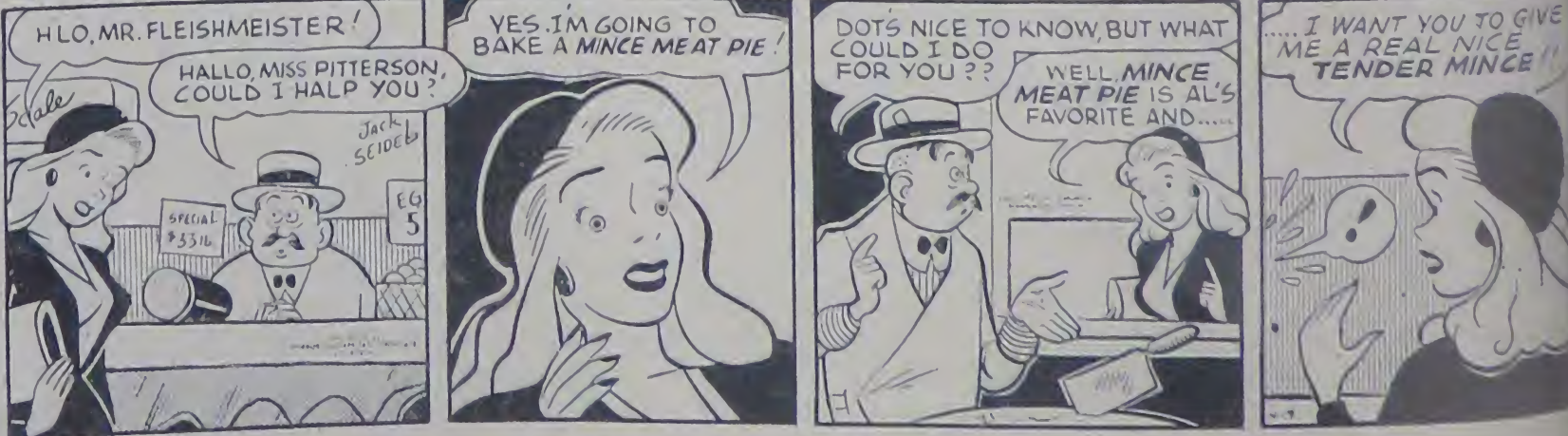
The doctor, learned on arrival in Mexico City that the VIII Concurso Internacional De Pesca Del Pez Vela (Eighth International Saltwater Tournament) was to take place in Acapulco on the 12th, 13th, and 15th of April. Being a fisherman from way back, he immediately arranged to enter the competition and came out in second place. He pulled in a big fish, a 116-pounder, on the final day of the three-day tournament which he competed with 138 other fishermen. It took 40 minutes and a 15-thread outfit to land the fish which was second only to the 136-pound size 136-pound first-place winner. CDR Cuttle also hauled in two other fish that qualified for 27th and 28th places in the tournament.

CDR Cuttle admitted this was the most spectacular fishing he had ever done.

"He ran 400-yards of line and came out of the water like an airplane, flying high as the ceiling," Dr. Cuttle told friends who stopped at his office this week to see photographic proof of his prowess and admire the three-foot marble and trophy he received from the governor of the state of Guerrero, Mexico.

The termite's nightmare: "I dwell in marble halls."

MY FRIEND IRMA



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Bernard Garcia happily surveys the results of an unusual experiment in "forcing" lilies to bloom ahead of schedule. The lilies were groomed in the Oak Knoll greenhouse for display during the past week at Oakland's Spring Garden Show.

Gardener Grooms Lilies For Show

"Forcing" lilies is a little out of Bernie Garcia's usual line of work as head gardener for the hospital. But when Dr. Noble Logan of the Business Men's Garden Club of Oakland asked permission to house some fifteen varieties of hybrid lilies here in preparation for Oakland's Spring Garden Show, he was glad to help out.

This week he had the satisfaction of seeing the lilies at the Civic Auditorium where they were part of a display that won a blue ribbon and the \$1500 prize for the best horticultural exhibit in the show.

The spotted lilies — some yellow, orange, and red orange — usually bloom during the months of June, July, and August, but the business men gardeners, a determined lot, wanted all of them to be in full bloom for the opening day of the show, April 27. That's where the experiment in "forcing" came in.

Mr. Garcia kept the greenhouse temperature around 80 degrees to push the plants along. The trick was to keep them all growing and budding at the same rate. Some plants responded faster than others; these he and Dr. Logan moved outdoors where the cold air held them in check while the "insiders" had a chance to catch up. In and out of the greenhouse each week went certain of the lilies until garden show time, and then success — 75 perfect plants in full bloom for the prize-winning display.

President Signs New Insurance Bill

The so-called "Free GI Insurance" bill became law this week with the signature of the President of the United States.

With certain exceptions, the law ends the issuance of new insurance under United States Government Life Insurance (USGLI), which originated in World War I, and under National Service Life Insurance (NSLI), which originated just prior to the United States entry into World War II.

The new law provides that on and after June 27, 1950, any person in active military or naval service, including cadets and midshipmen of the U.S. Military, Naval and Coast Guard Academies, Commissioned Officers of the Public Health Service and the Coast and Geodetic Survey, shall be automatically covered against death in active service for \$10,000, less any NSLI or USGLI in force at time of death. The amount of any NSLI or USGLI payable at death, plus the indemnity, may not exceed \$10,000.

The indemnity protection continues for 120 days after separation from service for those called to extended active service for a period exceeding 30 days.

The insurance is payable only to surviving spouse, child or children, parent, brother, or sister; and the insured may name one or more beneficiaries within this permitted class. The \$10,000 indemnity is payable in 120 equal installments of \$92.90 per month.

Persons in active service may surrender the NSLI or USGLI permanent policies in force for a year or more for the cash surrender value. Then, within 120 days after separation from service, they may apply without a physical examination to the VA in writing for permanent type insurance on the same plan not in excess of the amount surrendered; or they may reinstate the surrendered insurance by payment of the required reserve and the current premium.

Persons in active service who have permanent plan USGLI or NSLI policies of less than one year duration and who lapse their policies, may reinstate by paying all back premiums with interest and meeting the health requirements.

Those who hold five-year level premium term policies on which the term period expires while they are in active service may apply within 120 days after separation from service for an equivalent amount of term insurance. This insurance will be granted upon payment of the premium at the then attained age rate and upon evidence of good health.



On hand to enjoy the festivities at the Hail and Farewell party held especially to welcome CAPT I. L. V. NORMAN aboard, and bid farewell to CDR Milton Kurzrok and LT William R. Griffith, were most of the hospital staff officers. Pictured (top) are CDR and Mrs. B. R. McCampbell, Mrs. S. W. Northrup, CAPT and Mrs. I. L. V. Norman and CDR S. W. Northrup. Especially enjoying the party surrounded by ladies. Shown are (upper center) ENS Ruth Gaver, LTJG Marjorie Revis, ENS Elaine Carr, CDR Cuttle, LT Josephine Casares, LTJG Elizabeth Clark, and LT Inez Watson. Special farewells were given to LT and Mrs. William R. Griffith (above left) and CDR and Mrs. Milton Kurzrok (above right) who will soon be leaving the hospital. CDR Kurzrok will leave for new duties at the Naval Hospital, Charlestown, Mass., and LT Griffith is now at Treasure Island awaiting further transfer.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

WHERE IS CHRIST BORN?

Inseparably related to our full assurance that our Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead in the same body in which He suffered, on that first Easter morning, are other comforting truths which necessarily follow.

Where is Christ now—if He rose from the dead? Let Christ Himself tell us, in His own words recorded in John 14:1-3: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also."

So Christ "is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2), preparing a place in Heaven for those who believe in Him, and where, also, we read in Hebrew 7:24-25, "because He continueth ever, He hath an unchangeable priesthood; Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

Will we ever see Christ again, as the disciples and many others saw Him after his bodily resurrection? The Bible assures us that this is the "blessed hope" of His church (Titus 2:13). "I will come again and receive you unto Myself," He promised.

"O listen to our wondrous story,

Counted once among the lost;

Yet, One came down from Heaven's glory,

Saving us at awful cost.

Who saved us from eternal loss?

Who but God's Son upon the cross?

What did He do? He died for you!

Where is He now? Believe it thou!

In Heaven interceding."

E. L. WADE

Protestant Chaplain

Definition of a split second: From the time the light turns green until the guy behind you blows his horn.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY
1930—In Chaplains' Office—Ward 40A

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
0630 — 0900 — 1215
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Confessions before Mass
NOVENA DEVOTIONS AND
CHOIR PRACTICE:
TUESDAY 1900
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
CHAPEL & 40A
NAVY RELIEF OFFICE — 40A

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 1000
in Staff Conference Room,
Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
upon request to the Chaplains' Office

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

B.Y.U. Choir to Perform Here Wednesday, 9 May

The well-known A Cappella Choir of Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, will present a program for patients and staff Wednesday 9 May, at 1400.

The choir, under the direction of Mr. Newell B. Wright, is currently on a tour of the Western states and during their stop here at Oak Knoll will present many favorite numbers. Selections will include music from the Early Churches (Jewish Religious Melodies), Songs of Worship from the Modern Churches, Madrigals and Folk Music, and Pastels in Tone, from the Modern Repertoire.

B.Y.U. has always had outstanding choral groups, but this is the first to have a formal organization, being organized in 1949.

All patients and staff interested in the finest of choral music should make it a point to be on hand for this program. The concert will be presented in the hospital auditorium.



The Great Books Discussion group has found an interesting pastime in reading some of the most renowned books on Western culture. Picture above as they enter last week's discussion of Thucydides are, left to right, Dick Tinguely, HM3, Mr. William Brilliant, discussion leader, Mr. Ronald Landor, discussion leader, John Alcedo, HMI, Pfc. Dominic Cannissario, USMC, Jean Fontenot, HMI, and Miss Trudy Roehrig, Red Cross recreation worker. New members may still join the group.

Red Cross Ramblings

GREAT BOOKS

Make your reading time count. Haven't you while scanning books on a shelf in the library or in a library cart thought to yourself, there's one I should read; or, I meant to read that one! There is a group here on the compound that meets every Thursday afternoon from 1500 to 1700 in the Library to discuss and enjoy great books. The books discussed have been read with enjoyment by many people. With the help of some of the greatest teachers of all time, from Homer to Freud, you can study yourself when you study great books.

If you are bored by a constant monotony of the same old "small talk" you can live in a world of real ideas for diversion. The basis for this thought-provoking program is a selection of the great books of Western civilization. For a starter, "A Good Life" was discussed at the last meeting. The list of books increases and is constantly changing. Jane Austen (Pride and Prejudice) is the only woman included. See the Red Cross worker on your ward if you would like to come this Thursday afternoon.

INFANT GENIUS

Cannibalism is frowned upon in our enlightened civilization, but, says, Pfc Dom Canissario, USMC, of Ward 76B, "These fish up here don't know it!" The fact that one poor little guppy fish has survived the attacks of its elders proves, according to Dom, that the infant has exceptional intelligence. It's escape routes are well-mapped and it can lurk, unseen for hours, along a tiny stone or bit of water plant. Canissario wants to start teaching it a few tricks.

CRIBBAGE FANS

Cribbage is one of the best of two-hand games. It combines the luck of the deal with opportunity for skill in discarding and play. The "experts" on Ward 74A have been hard at it the past week playing in a tournament. They are interested in outside competition. Walter T. Sherrieff, MMI, USN, Sgt. Owen Jeff, USA,

James H. Vowell, ENFN, USN, and Cpl. David King, USMC, have had the cribbage board working overtime playing a series of nine games in record time. How's about it fellows, can you beat these whiz bang cribbage players?

GARDEN SHOW

Another sign of spring in the parts is the spectacular California Spring Garden Show held each year in the Oakland Exposition Building. Two groups of U. S. Naval Hospital patients visited and enjoyed the beautiful scene on Tuesday and Thursday, 1 and 3 May with the help of Oakland Red Cross Chapter, Motor Corps Service. Members of the Oak Knoll Garden Club (which incidentally, is to be congratulated on winning a blue ribbon first and a cash prize of several hundred dollars. Mrs. Clifford Rushmer and Mrs. A. T. Moore, procured tickets for the patients from Mr. Ned S. Rucker, show designer and the Board of Directors of the show.

Any patient at this hospital who is interested in creating any size type of garden, indoors or outside, can get all sorts of tools, seed and bedding plants by contacting your Red Cross worker. The Oak Knoll Garden Club ladies bring any type of gardening materials patients would like to have, all year 'round. Just ask us!

MAY DAY

The Red Cross Lounge was decorated in gay spring colors last Tuesday evening to welcome the "may month of May." Even a huge May Pole was in evidence, placed in the center of the dance floor.

The Hostess group planned activities for the evening with unusual twists and turns to the popular foxtrot and jitterbug. Dances are held in the Lounge (Building 2) on Tuesday and Thursday evenings every week. On Friday squares and rounds are presented. If you would like to learn, come on over and let us "swing your partner 'round 'round the floor."



COMMISSARY No. 2 NOW OPEN—In the recently opened Commissary No. 2 at Oak Knoll (upper left), Lawrence Boyle draws supplies from W. C. Moulton, HM3. Upper center, Joseph Trimm mashes potatoes in the big mixer. In the Special Diet Kitchen (upper right), Willie Maxey, LTJG Marie Y. LeClair (NC), Anna Carlson, and Attendant Elizabeth Moschel prepare meals. A pan of vegetables is removed by Joseph L. Thomas (lower left) from the pressure cooker in the main Galley. Showing where the steaks and chops come from (lower center) are Fred Krausnick and Lawrence Barrick as they remove beef from the walk-in freezer unit. Demonstrating how veal chops are prepared (lower right) are Milton Thrash and Louis Payne.



Scuttlebutt

By DERF

STUFF 'N STUFF: When Disbursing's Mrs. Stanley isn't busy arranging your TR's to all parts of the country, she warbles with the Community Chorus—Leis Smith is back at her adding machine after a week of lolling in bed, gardening, and loafing — Atwell, Shipp, and Chambless joined the one and only Tallulah in observing the Republic's (Confederate) Memorial Day. It's a wonder they didn't get invited to appear on the "Big Show"—The New York and Houston long distance telephone operators say our OOD's phone handlers are courteous, efficient, and cooperative. If you don't believe it, ask "Muggsie" Mahoney; she told me herself—Harold Huggins was tired of it all, so he's off on a six-day leave—Joe Caldrazzo had a purpose in his leave, marriage!—Mark Lewis is just back from a long honeymoon—The initials WJP on your Special Liberty chits stand for W. J. Powner, WOHC, USN, who's been signing for LT Stutler while the latter is on leave—Bob Lent is giving up the Chaplain's Office for Urology School—If there is anything about any kind of surgery that puzzles you, look up Holbrook or O'Banion. They just finished a six months course of instruction in O. R. Technic and there's nothing they don't know — Those Easter-like posters announcing dances, picnics, etc., are the handi-

work of Dave Aoki. The reason they all have that "Easterish" touch is that the duplicating machine has but one color ink, lavender-blue (dilly-dally) — Occupational Therapy's Ann Badalato has been deluged with requests for instruction in plastic carving as a result of the examples now being exhibited in the Administration Building's showcase —Professionals couldn't do better! —Little Paul Vossberg was missing the other afternoon; they looked under a mound of paper in the Organization Office and there he was! —The Market Street swabbie shops in San Francisco are already displaying the new enlisted men's tailor-made uniform—Lennie Livingston can hold his own with any Spaniard. Study in Mexico has made him as conversant in Spanish as in his mother tongue—The Kansas (that state is always creeping in here) society columns are blazing with the engagement of Lee Clevinger to Minnie Mae Kilgore—There's a new romance in the N. P. Department. Edward Spencer is carrying the torch for a lass who's initials are L. O.—Some of the Record Office lassies, Sadie Schultz and Dorothy Hargraves have been reading Gaylord Hauser's theories on dieting and have roped in Mary Tower and Blanche McDermitt on a one-meal-a-day-diet — They're calling Dorothy Hager "88-keys." Seems she's a budding piano virtuoso—Lou Ann Hird was kept busy at the CO's dance looking after her Hird—Chief Jacobson isn't taking any more tips on horses. It seems a tout tipped him off to a big loser.

New Mess Halls Now In Operation

Commissary No. 2 is a welcome addition to Oak Knoll. After weeks of painting, building, and installing of new stainless steel equipment to make this building one of the most modern galleys in use anywhere, the Commissary was opened 5 March, 1951, at the noon meal. Since that time, an average of 1300 men have been fed at each meal. In addition, an average of 450 diets are sent to the wards on pre-heated food carts.

Long-range planning and cooperation of several departments was essential to the complete success of the renovation. A nucleus of employees from Commissary No. 1 was transferred to Commissary No. 2. These and many new employees help make up the operating force necessary to prepare all the special diets, as well as the regular meals.

Says CWOHC O. G. Haines, who is in charge of the new commissary, "With the opening of Commissary No. 2, a larger number of patients and staff can now be fed without the long lines and congestion which was experienced at Commissary No. 1 while the renovation was in progress. It is now possible to serve hotter and better food, as equipment is not overloaded."

LT R. O. Harrison, MCS, USN, is the hospital's Commissary Officer in over-all charge of both commissaries.

Dogs can see only black and white, no color.



Inspecting supplies in the newly opened Commissary No. 2 are Commissary Officer LT R. O. Harrison, MSC, USN, and Asst. Commissary Officer CWOHC Orval Haines, USN. The new Commissary is now feeding about 1300 patients and staff members, but the number can be increased to 1500 if it becomes necessary.

The WAF greeted the first sergeant effusively. "Notice anything different about me?" she inquired.

"New dress?"

"No."

"New shoes?"

"No."

"I give up."

"I'm wearing a gas mask."

Korean Amputees To Visit Capital

Four U. S. Marine Corps amputee patients who were battle casualties in Korea have been selected to attend a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs of the National Research Council during the week of 5 May, 1951, in Washington, D. C. These patients will participate by demonstrating their artificial limbs which were developed by the Artificial Limb Department of the U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California.

Sergeant Johnny J. Martin will demonstrate a new artificial arm designed for a shoulder disarticulation. Private Edward J. Mitchell will demonstrate an artificial arm for a Below Elbow amputee using the new type hook which has been developed by the Army. Private Kenneth F. McGuire will demonstrate an Above Knee suction socket prosthesis which employs a Variable Cadence knee mechanism; and Private Frank Whorley, who has lost both legs below the knee, will demonstrate new plastic artificial limbs which have soft sockets and functional ankles.

It is contemplated that these amputees will also demonstrate their limbs before a Congressional committee in the national capital.

Commander T. J. Canty, MC, USN, Officer in Charge of the amputee program, and a member of the Standing Committee on Artificial Limbs, and Mr. Charles C. Asbelle, Rehabilitation Specialist, will be in attendance at the meeting.



The annual Navy Relief Fund Drive got underway last Wednesday when representatives from NAS, Alameda, were here to give everyone a look at first prize, a new Buick sedan, and to sell tickets. Pictured above, left to right, are Patty Ferriby, SA, salesman, H. M. Biscoe, HM3, buying a ticket, Marcella Heasling, SA, salesman, Ed Heart, SA, salesman and Mrs. Weden Felly, from Newhall, California, buying her ticket. Tickets are the sole means of solicitation for the fund and everyone gets a chance at several splendid prizes.

First NSLI Checks Now Being Mailed

The Veterans Administration has mailed out the first of the National Service Life Insurance special dividend checks, warning that veterans in general should not expect to receive their checks until several months after the policy anniversary date.

Navy Relief Fund Drive Begins Here

The Annual Navy Relief Fund Drive at this hospital will begin 1 May and end 2 June 1951. The Drive will be held as a part of the Alameda Navy Relief Auxiliary Campaign, of which auxiliary we are a part.

The Alameda Auxiliary Funds, administered by the Hospital Chaplains' Office, have assisted generously in hundreds of emergency cases involving emergency leave, basic family needs, hospitalization of dependents, Navy Relief Nurse calls and advice, as well as all sorts of miscellaneous help where serious personal problems threaten the welfare and happiness of Navy and Marine personnel. Money loaned in these cases is loaned without interest, and, if conditions warrant, the money is given as gratuity. Calls on Navy Relief Money have greatly increased in the past few months.

This is our annual opportunity to help financially so that Navy Relief Society Services may continue.

The only solicitations made will be the sale of \$1.00 tickets. Each ticket purchased entitles the donor to a chance on the many prizes, including two cars, \$1,000 bond, Westinghouse kitchen equipment, television set, etc. The drawing for these prizes will take place at the Navy Relief Carnival, Terminal Island, held from 31 May through 2 June 1951.

The prize automobiles were shown here at the hospital two days during the last week. Tickets bought from the Prize Auto Crew will count on our total contribution.

Chicago (AFPS) — Kroch's bookstore was victimized by a thief who looted a window display. He missed the most expensive item in the window — a \$40 edition of the Bible. "Thou shalt not . . ."

Salt Lake City (AFPS) — Newspaper columnist Dan Valentine offered the following observation: "Women wouldn't lie about their age so much—if they were subject to the draft."

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

- 22 April
NEAL, Boy, to wife of Clayton Neal, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
HARDEN, Girl, to wife of Fred Harden, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
SMITH, Donald Austin, to wife of Arlene Smith, LT, 8 pounds.
DELPHENICH, Gary Mark, to wife of Robert Delphenich, TE2, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.
BILES, Melvin Russell, to wife of Melvin Biles, FN, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
PATTERSON, Linda Joyce, to wife of Woodrow Patterson, ADE1, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
CARSON, Catherine Ellen, to wife of Erick Carson, EM1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
- 23 April
WILLIAMS, Stephanie Rozanna, to wife of Stephen Williams, SD1, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
McCABE, Jannet Ann, to wife of William McCabe, Pfc, 6 pounds.
BUCKMAN, Boy, to wife of Joseph Buckman, GM3, 8 pounds.
MORIARTY, Girl, to wife of John Moriarty, LCDR, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
SLAUGHTER, Margwenn Lee, to wife of Marvin Slaughter, SD2, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
- 24 April
ELLIOTT, Stephen Dennis, to wife of Raymond Elliott, AN, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
HIGH, Patricia Lucille, to wife of George High, LT, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
SOUZA, George Patrick, to wife of George Souza, RMN3, 5 pounds, 7 ounces.
O'NEAL, Benjamin Harrison, to wife of Johnson O'Neal, SD1, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
RUSSELL, William, to wife of William Russell, CS3, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
- 25 April
EVERETT, Linda Marlene, to wife of Theodore Everett, CSG1, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
FAXON, Daniel Oliver, III, to wife of Daniel Faxon, GM3, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
POPP, Susan Diane, to wife of Joseph Popp, AP1, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
BARRY, Boy, to wife of John Barry, E1, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
MYERS, Michael Earl, to wife of George Myers, GM3, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
CARLSON, Bridget Cathleen, to wife of Michael Carlson, LTJG, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
GAMMILL, Sandra Denise, to wife of Johnnie Gammill, AC3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
RUNK, William Oliver, to wife of Theodore Runk, LCDR, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
- 26 April
HAWES, Tony Lynn, to wife of Robert Hawes, MM2, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
McWILLIAMS, Kathryn Lorraine, to wife of Donald McWilliams, BTG2, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
CONROY, Steven Edward, to wife of George Conroy, FPI, 7 pounds.
CALLES, Gloria Antoinette, to wife of Guillermo Calles, HM3, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
SHELTON, Boy, to wife of Roy Shelton, PRC, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
DE FABIS, Girl, to wife of Julius De Fabis, SA, 6 pounds.
- 27 April
EVANS, Thomas Paul, Jr., to wife of Thomas Evans, SN, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
SEXTON, Gordon Dean, to wife of Lester Sexton, AO3, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
SCHRODER, George Albert, Jr., to wife of George Schroder, HM3, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
STRAIN, Linda Ann, to wife of Robert Strain, BM2, 6 pounds.
ZEMKE, Susan Elizabeth, to wife of George Zemke, SN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
GREEN, Stephanie Louise, to wife of William Green, SN, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
FOREST, Janet Anne, to wife of Lester Forest, ET2, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
BROWN, John McDonald, III, to wife of John Brown, ADE3, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
JONES, Theresa Irene, to wife of Benjamin Jones, AM2, 5 pounds, 1 ounce.
BEALL, Steven Walter, to wife of Walter Beall, ET1, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
RYAN, Patrick James, to wife of Robert Ryan, EM3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
- 28 April
MANNING, Hazel Elizabeth, to wife of Charles Manning, AT2, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
WYRICK, Cecilia Rose, to wife of George Wyrick, SN, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
PETERSON, Donald Allen, to wife of Albert Robert Peterson, AMC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Staff Personalities



Clyde F. Langworthy, HN, USN, who is shown above (right) handing a glass of juice to Cpl. Jack Griffiths USMC, is Dietitian's assistant on Ward 46A, medical research ward.

"If he could only cook . . ." wouldn't apply to Langworthy at all, as he can cook. And a good thing too, because helping to prepare special meals for patients is part of his job. He gained his know-how with the pots and pans when he batched it during his senior year at high school in Atascadero, Calif., where he graduated in '49.

Before entering the Navy last February, he worked for a while as a steno-typewriter for the Atascadero News. Part of his job was melting lead type. He probably won't admit it now, but this is really where he learned to cook.



Clarke E. Bonham, HN, USN prepares a penicillin shot on Ward 50B, one of the contagious wards, where he is the senior corpsman. He orders the supplies and medications and assists the doctor in all sorts of useful ways. Polio, TB, pneumonia, influenza, measles and mumps, are some of the contagious diseases treated on his ward.

Before entering the Navy as a Reservist last January, Bonham worked for the telephone company in Ponca City, Oklahoma, as a commercial representative in public relations and sales. He is an alumnus of the University of Oklahoma, with a Business Administration major.

Bonham expects to get out of the Navy in August. ("I'm a Dreamer, Aren't We All?")

Second Staff Picnic To Be Held Tomorrow

If the weatherman's promise of good weather holds true, the second Staff Picnic of the year will be held tomorrow. Steaks, beer, potato salad and ants will again be the featured items. The site of the outing will be the Orchard Area of Redwood Regional Park.

Transportation will be provided with the bus leaving the Community Service Building at 1200. All members of the staff are invited to bring their families or guests for the occasion.



H. T. Riddle, AM3, and his instructor, LT Dorothy Naviaux, are equally pleased with the success of his entry in the Armed Forces Occupational Therapy contest. Riddle's table cloth, pictured here, won second place and a silver plate.

H. T. Riddle, AM3, Turns Weaver; Places In Armed Forces Contest

When Herbert T. Riddle, AM3, USN, joined the Navy two and a half years ago, he expected to learn much about many things. What he least expected to learn was the art of weaving, but this week in Occupational Therapy he proudly displayed the 64x40-inch fringed table cloth with six napkins and the handsome silver plate they won for him in the National Armed Forces Day Occupational Therapy competition held recently on the East Coast. His entry took second place in the weaving exhibits.

"No, I never tried any of this sort of work before, but I like it," the Shelbyville, Kentucky, weaver said, demonstrating the suspension sling that lends supports while he works to regain the function of his injured arm.

The 23-year-old aviation man broke his collarbone and injured a nerve in his arm when he was involved in a traffic accident while serving at NAS, Barbers' Point, Honolulu, last August. He has since been under treatment at Oak Knoll, where much of his time has been spent in Occupational Therapy. Riddle wove his prize table cloth in three weeks, spending four hours a day at the loom and has also woven several rugs and smaller table cloths.

"No, I haven't any hope chest," the shy Kentuckian said. "I'm going to send all my weaving home to my mother. The fellows I used to play basketball and baseball with at Gleneyrie High School will sure get a good laugh when they hear I'm making tablecloths."

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A Proclamation

WHEREAS the Armed Forces of the United States, having dedicated themselves unselfishly to the service of their country, are now fighting and dying on foreign soil in defense of the principles of freedom which this Nation has cherished since its birth; and

WHEREAS it is appropriate that we dedicate one day each year to paying tribute to the Armed Forces and to rendering homage to them as the defenders of our people, our Nation, and our democratic way of life:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 19, 1951, as Armed Forces Day; and I invite the Governors of the States, Territories, and possessions of the United States to provide for the celebration of that day in such manner as to honor the members of our armed forces.

As Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, I direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force to mark the designated day with appropriate ceremonies, and to cooperate with civil authorities in suitable observance of the day.

I also request my fellow citizens to display the flag of the United States on Armed Forces Day, and by fitting exercises to demonstrate their recognition of the gallantry, sacrifice, and devotion to duty of the men and women of the armed forces.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this second day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-fifth.

(SEAL)

HARRY S. TRUMAN

Welcome and Farewell

Forty-two new staff members reported aboard and thirty were detached during the week ending 30 April.

Reporting were LT Roberta Lambie, from Naval Proving Grounds, Dahlgren, Va.; LT F. R. DuChanois, from inactive duty; LTJG Frances J. Van Epp, from MSTs, Pacific, San Francisco, Calif.; LTJG C. R. Smith, from MSTs, North Pacific Area; LTJG Shirley M. Woodworth, from USS Gen. Mitchell (TAP114); LTJG J. E. Sheehan, from inactive duty; ENS Luella Freeman, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.; E. H. Wells, HMC, from USS Passumpsic (AO107); HMI's F. J. Cavitarucco, W. H. Squire, H. F. Plaster, J. L. Simmons, F. M. Campbell, and H. L. Davis; HM2's R. R. Janeski, B. B. Debruber, R. Huntley, and Catherine Bennett, YN2, (W), from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; HM3's D. Hawkins, R. D. Eby, J. Corbett, M. H. Brown, Richard Warburton, G. D. Hansen, H. L. Sersfoss, R. M. Johnson, C. H. Eye, W. P. Havens, W. R. Dodge, and T. E. Darter, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; G. Reese, HN, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Oceanside, Calif.; I. D. Heidell, HA, (W), from Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif.; W. L. Bowie, HN, and HA's W. R. Yates, V. L. Weaver, J. N. Montgomery, W. M. Lathrop, B. A. Jefferson, R. L. Haile, J. R. Greenwald, W. P. Crowley, and D. L. Countryman, from Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego, California.

Detached were CDR R. F. Huebsch, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka,

Japan; LTJG Mineola L. Pollock, to inactive duty; LTJG Leon Gillard, Jr., to U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Calif.; LTJG R. D. McGinnis, to Com12, FFT; LTJG Frances J. Van Epp, to MSTs, Pacific, San Francisco, Calif.; LTJG J. P. Schott, to Com12, FFT; L. H. Herzog, HM2, to Receiving Station, San Diego, Calif.; W. S. Morgan, HM2, and R. S. Blackwell, HM3, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; J. P. Gatlin, HM3, to Receiving Station, Bremerton, Wash., FFT; M. D. Hanlon, HM3, to Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif.; J. W. Weires, HM3, to COMSTS, Pacific, San Francisco, Calif.; HM3's G. R. Zeigler, and J. M. Reynolds, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; C. S. Axworthy, HM3, and HN's R. Serrano, R. E. Lietner, C. A. Johnson, J. E. Haldeman, and D. L. Clark, to Fleet Marine Force; HN's C. E. Comfort, K. W. Havens, P. R. Bowlby, W. M. Thompson, T. L. Floyd, P. J. Stockham, K. L. Simmons, A. L. Simons, and K. H. Powell, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; and A. M. Hoekstra, HN, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Annapolis, Maryland.

Fellowship Hour

If you like fellowship, song, and good food (and who doesn't), you should know about the Chaplain's Fellowship Hour on Monday nights at 1930, in the Chaplains' Office, Building 40A.

The group meets under the leadership of LCDR E. L. Wade, CHC, and everyone is invited. These meetings have been very popular and well-attended by patients and staff.



Entertaining patients in the hospital auditorium Friday, 27 April, were performers from the "Show Timer's" Star Spangled Review Variety Show. Featured in the show were (above) Helen Holub, mistress of ceremonies, formerly of the Roxy Theatre in New York, Terry Hertlein, pianist and director of the show, and Lee Blodgett, vocalist, along with acrobats Maurice and Minnette, right. The show featured singers, dancers, and instrumentalists, including Larene Cra-craft, accordionist, Joyce Mitendorf, vibraharpist, the music of the Rhythm Rascals, and Patricia Saine, dancer. This group has given shows at many of the military installations in the Bay Area, and will be back at Oak Knoll with another Star Spangled Review in the near future.



Tennis Tournament To Begin, 7 May

With good weather coming on (?) the Knoll netters will begin competitive play in the Inter-hospital Tennis Tournament, on 7 May. The Tourney will be the single elimination type of play, open for men's singles and doubles, mixed doubles, and ladies singles and doubles, with awards to be presented for first place winners and runners-up.

As an outgrowth of the tournament, a hospital tennis team will be chosen to represent Oak Knoll in the coming District net competition. All Staff personnel, men and women, Officers and Enlisted, who are interested in the current Tennis Tournament, are urged to contact W. V. Johnson in the Welfare and Recreation Office, either in writing or by phone, at the earliest possible opportunity before 7 May. This will eliminate last minute confusion in the scheduling of matches in both men's and women's divisions.

Women's Softball Team To Play Fort Mason

The Oak Knoll Women's Softball Team will get it's first real workout of the season when they meet the Fort Mason WAC's, in the first round of the Armed Forces Women's Softball League, here 17 May. The schedule will include two games a week, and will provide competition for Women's Softball Teams from Armed Forces Installations in the Bay Area, and surrounding territory. The team from Oak Knoll Hospital is composed of Nurses and Waves attached to the hospital staff.

The Armed Forces League schedule for the month of May is as follows: 24 May, Oak Knoll vs. San Francisco Marines at San Francisco; 29 May, Oak Knoll vs. Treasure Island Waves at Treasure Island; and on 31 May, Oak Knoll vs. the Hamilton Air Force Base WAFS, at the Hospital Softball field.

Physio Holds Lead In Bowling Tourney

Results of bowling competition last week, show Physio Therapy to be in the lead for the second straight week with 20 games won and 8 games lost, maintaining an average of .714. The night crew team has moved into second place with 11 wins and five losses, to edge the MAA's and Nurses into a tie for third place. X-Ray holds down the fourth place slot, with the Record Office and Artificial Limb tied for fifth.

The hospital kegling league is scheduled to end on 22 May, so there is still plenty of competition left in the games to come, and the results published so far do not necessarily establish the best team. Physio Therapy, holding the lead with an average of .714, have played 28 games so far in the league, while the CPO's in sixth place have played 32 games, with an average of .500. The Night Crew, now holding second place, have played only 16 games with an average of .687, while the MAA's and Nurses, tied for third, have played 24 games each with averages of .625. So at this point in the league, the scores are not particularly indicative as to who the League Champions are to be.

The schedule for 3 May will find the Physio Therapy team against the N.P. Department, Nurses vs. Laundry, and Record Office vs. Women Dependents, the results of play not available for this issue.

More Players Needed For Baseball Team

With only ten men to keep on the field, the Oak Knoll baseballers dropped another game in the 12ND baseball competition, to Mare Island. The score? Fifteen to nothing. The game was played Thursday, 26 April, on the Mare Island Field.

Bournellis from Oak Knoll pitched the whole game without relief, experiencing one of his coldest days so far, as he gave the Mare Island team 17 hits in the game. The lack of opportunity to practice showed clearly as the Oak Knoll team scored ten errors and allowed the Mare Islanders to score 15 runs out of the 17 hits. On the other side of the fence, Mare Island's Manchester pitched a six-hit game to Oak Knoll. Coach Reginato feels that better fielding could have checked the deluge of Mare Island runs, but the Port and Starboard watches leave only Tuesdays and Thursdays open for the league games with no time for workout sessions.

Oak Knoll got another bad break about half way through the game, as the third baseman was injured and had to be removed from the game.



Special guests at a birthday party at the C.P.O. Club last week were B. F. (Biff) Wilson, HMC, and his son David, who both celebrate their birthdays on the same day. Biff and David are ably assisted in cutting the cake by the boss in the Wilson family, namely, Mrs. Wilson. The party included a birthday cake, refreshments, and dancing. The party was given by Lt. Betoney, HMC, USN.

Officers Defeat CPO's In Softball Tourney

Concluding the first round of the inter-hospital softball league last week, 25 April, the Officers team defeated the Independents, 9-1, and on April the Laboratory whipped the N.P. Department 9-0.

In the second round this week, on Monday, 30 April, the Officer's beat the C.P.O.'s 9 to 1, the game on Tuesday was rained out, Wednesday 2 May, saw the Independents against the N.P. Department, and Thursday 3 May, found the Civil Service Girls vs. Surgery II.

Zamsky to Compete In AAU Swim Meet

Our pride and joy, A. G. Zamsky, Swimming Instructor, in the Welfare and Recreation Department, has been entered in the A.A.U. swimming meet, to be held at NAS, Moffett Field's new pool, when it opens on Saturday, 5 May.

Al will compete against Peter Cole of Stanford University, in the 1500 meter race. Cole is rated to be one of the finest swimmers to enter A.A.U. competition, and is a swimmer of wide experience. Here's a big wish of good luck from us to Al Zamsky when he competes at Moffett Field on Saturday.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 6 May
THE FIRST LEGION — Charles Laughton, Walter Hampden. DRAMA. The story of what appears to be a movie about a Jesuit seminary. The cast is excellent, they help to give the film a strong flavor. If you are looking for something different in movies, don't miss this one. Very good.

Monday, 7 May
THE GOOD HUMOR MAN — Jack Lemmon, Lola Albright. COMEDY. The film has no introduction to most of us. It was last summer it attracted large crowds everywhere. Rated very good.

Tuesday, 8 May
THE PROWLER — Van Heflin, Robert Keays. DRAMA. No reviews are available on this one as it is not released until later this month.

Wednesday, 9 May
MIDNIGHT MELODY — Vera-Ann, William Marshall. DRAMA. No information available on this one.

Thursday, 10 May
BUCK PRIVATE — Bud Abbott, Lou Tellegen. COMEDY. No information available on this one.

Friday, 11 May
ALONG THE GREAT DIVIDE — Douglas, Virginia Mayo. No information available but should be good with the stars playing the leads.

Saturday, 12 May
THE SECRET GARDEN — Mary O'Brien, Steve Stockwell. A very good film, no rating available.

Honolulu, T. H. (AFPS) — The contingent of native Samoan enlisted men, former members of the famed Fita Fita Guard, arrived recently at Pearl Harbor for assignment to naval activities in the Naval District.

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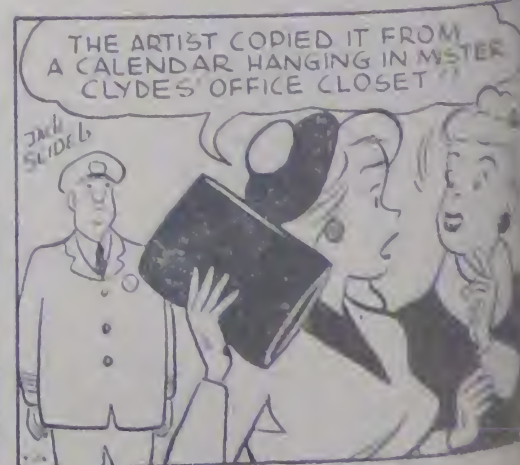
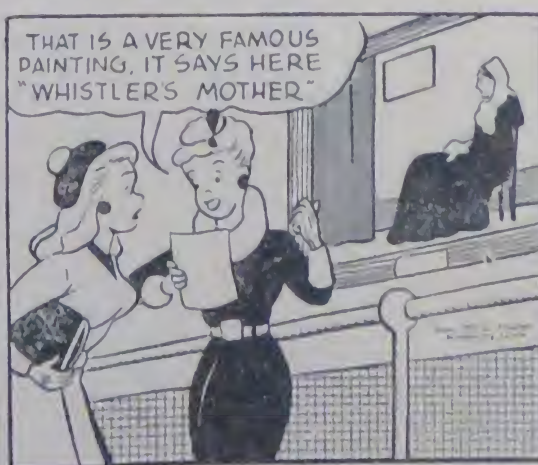
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Pfc. and Mrs. Antonio Sosa

Puerto Rico Wife Flies to Oak Knoll

By Cpl. Patrick J. Owens

Ana Aida Sosa came to California last week to join her soldier husband, Pfc. Antonio Sosa, who was wounded in Korea in January.

Wives of wounded servicemen join their husbands all the time. But Mrs. Sosa's trip was a little out of the ordinary—she flew something like 3500 miles, all the way from Cayey, Puerto Rico, to be with her man. And she footed the bill, every cent of it, with private funds.

The Sosa's support three children and four dependent relatives on his Pfc. paycheck and her quarters allowance. This doesn't leave much money for commercial airline tickets but by dint of scraping and saving, and a loan from the American Red Cross, plucky little Ana Aida was able to buy the ticket and arrange to have her family provided for while she was gone.

Pfc. Sosa is an amputee patient on Ward 42A who lost his left leg in Korea during the now famous 3rd Division attack of January 30th. A Communist heavy mortar shell exploded in the midst of a platoon of Company F, 65th Infantry Regiment, soldiers. Sosa thinks about 20 were killed—"I was very fortunate, to lose only a leg," he adds.

Mrs. Sosa intends to stay here with her husband until he is processed for retirement. Then they will return to Puerto Rico, the three children and the four dependent relatives.

"We will get along very well on my veteran's pension," Antonio thinks.

The short, bemustached soldier has been a member of the same Com-

Navy to Release 1,000 Reserves, July

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—Reservists who were involuntarily recalled to active duty since the outbreak of the Korean War have been given some idea when they can expect to get out.

The official release programs of the Defense Department were announced by Rep. Overton Brooks, Chairman of a House Armed Services Subcommittee on Reserve affairs.

Leatherneck Reservists can expect to return to civilian life first. The Marine Corps plans to release from active duty all enlisted and officer Reservists by June 30, 1952.

A summary of the release program:

MARINES—First releases to start in June this year. Priorities go to (1) World War II veterans, (2) Non-veterans serving in Reserve before Korea, and (3) those who volunteered for immediate assignment to extended active duty since outbreak of Korean fighting. Second Lieutenants and non-veteran officers are excepted from the priorities. They will be kept on active duty for 21 months.

NAVY—Releases will start in July for enlisted volunteer reservists recalled to active duty from a non-pay drill status. Initially about 1,000 a month will be released, but by October the rate will be up to 6,000 a month. Criteria for release will be whether a particular skill is needed and whether a reservist is a World War II veteran. Reserve officers will be kept for a minimum of 21 months. Release program for officers will not start before April, 1952.

ARMY—Releases will start in September for enlisted Reservists ordered to active duty as individuals from a non-pay status in the inactive or volunteer reserves. Criteria for release of enlisted reservists will be subject to local conditions, including maintenance of efficiency in units.

No plans were announced for the release of reserve officers or members of the National Guard or Active Reserve.

AIR FORCE—Airmen ordered to extended active duty from the volunteer reserve will be able to choose relief from active duty after 12 months, while reserve officers ordered to active duty from volunteer reserves since June 25 may be required to serve a minimum of 21 months.

Air National Guard and Organized Reserve Airmen ordered to active military service may obtain release after 21 months active service or after termination of their enlistments plus one year extension required by law, whichever is earlier.



Chaplain A. T. Wallace is shown above receiving a \$135.50 check for the 1951 Cancer Drive from Fire Captain Charles DeJournette who presented the check on behalf of the hospital's former Civilian Employees Association. Mr. T. R. Newsom, Personnel Assistant, center, seems pleased with the presentation. Chaplain Wallace reported a total of \$408.24 collected.

Demonstration By All Service Groups To Highlight Armed Forces Day Program

Armed Forces Day will be celebrated throughout the nation next week end when all military installations will join in a presentation of displays and demonstrations to give the public an opportunity to see their "Defenders of Freedom" in action.

The program in the Oakland area will be held in Lakeside Park, where exhibits will include everything from the box factory that turns out shipping boxes for all types of supplies issued from the Naval Supply Center, Oakland, to giant tanks and half tracks. In the tent housing Oak Knoll's exhibit for Armed Forces Day will be a display of the latest prosthetic devices in use in the Armed Forces. Amputee patients will demonstrate their limbs and explain the various steps involved in the rehabilitation program at Oak Knoll.

Exhibits, which will be placed in the park area on Bellevue Avenue, just off Grand, will be open to the public from 1100 to 1700.

Special entertainment will be provided throughout the afternoon, beginning at 1200 with a concert by the 51st AF National Guard Band and climaxed by a spectacular amphibious landing on the shore of Lake Merritt. Marines in this area will put on the show, with air support from the U. S. Naval Air Station, Ala-

meda. "Enemy pill-boxes" have been installed on the Lake Merritt shore and "wounded" will be rescued from the beach by helicopter.

Other features of the show will be the appearance of the V.F.W. Post 1010 Drum and Bugle Corps and Women's Auxiliary's Drill Team, a concert by the Municipal Band, demonstrations by the Fort Mason WAC Drill Team, ROTC Oakland Drill Team, 839th Transportation Port Company Drill Team, and Music by the 22nd Army Band.

Appropriately coinciding with Armed Forces Day is "I Am an American Day," which will be featured in a special program at 1400.

Colonel Robert L. Allen, Jr., Commanding Officer at Oakland Army Base is Community Project Officer for this area.

MAJGEN O. P. Smith Visits Hospital

Major General O. P. Smith, USMC, who recently returned to the states on leave from Korea where he served as Commanding Officer of the First Marine Division, visited the hospital last week and talked with a number of patients who had served under him on the Korean battlefield.

Wards visited by the General were 42A, 42B, 43A, and 79B.

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The Oak Leaf

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Alexander the Great was passionate and impatient by nature, but for many years he managed to hold the reins of his passions. One sad and tragic day, however, he lost his self-control. At a banquet the singer compared Alexander to the gods. Justly indignant at this was Clitus, a general who had saved Alexander's life. He spoke out against such honors.

Alexander would have run him through with his sword, had not an officer put it aside. The friends of Clitus hurried him away, but he returned by another door to criticize Alexander. In a fury, Alexander snatched a spear and hurled it through the heart of his general, the friend of his childhood, his life companion and rescuer.

For several days the world conqueror writhed in remorse and sorrow, calling out the name of his life-long friend, Alexander who had conquered the world but could not conquer himself. He had taken every worthwhile city of the ancient world, but he could not take that most important city—the city of his own spirit.

Here we have a picture of a man who commits the following sins against the Fifth Commandment: anger, hatred, and revenge. Very few of us will ever commit murder. Nevertheless, many of us have shortened the lives of others by the sharp and deadly weapons of sorrow and grief, anxiety and bitterness. Many a child has put early wrinkles and grey hair on a parent through disobedience, defiance and bad conduct. Many a home is unhappy through unfriendly looks, unkind words, lack of affection and even open aversion. What are the causes of all this? Sins against the Fifth Commandment.

Anger is the most common sin against the fifth law of God. It is a sudden, violent feeling of the soul, caused by a real or imagined injury, and carrying with it a desire for revenge. What a terrible tyrant anger can be. It drives out every reasonable thought and word and action. It looks for words that will sting and wound. It breaks up the strongest friendships. It makes miserable homes and sours the sweetest family relations.

Hatred means wishing evil to someone. There is but one step between wishing evil and carrying it out. Hatred is the very opposite of the love which God has commanded for all His children.

Revenge and envy are the brothers of hatred. Envy feels sad at the good fortune of another. It drove Cain to murder his brother. We must realize how harmful it is, how it breaks up homes and friendships. It is displeasing to the All-loving God who has ordered us to love one another.

A. T. WALLACE

Catholic Chaplain.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY
1930 — In Chaplains' Office — Ward 40A

CATHOLIC
SUNDAY MASSES
0630 — 0900 — 1215
DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1150
Confessions before Mass
NOVENA DEVOTIONS AND
CHOIR PRACTICE:
TUESDAY 1900
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
CHAPEL & 40A
NAVY RELIEF OFFICE — 40A

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 1000
in Staff Conference Room,
Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
upon request to the Chaplains' Office

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Soldier's Wife Makes 3500 Mile Flight

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pany of the Puerto Rican 65th Infantry Regiment since he joined the Army, over ten years ago. It was called Company L during World War II when Sosa was decorated for action in North Africa, Italy and France. Then, in 1946, when the Regiment was cut to two battalions on returning to Puerto Rico, it was redesignated Company F.

Sosa is proudest not of his combat decorations but of the yellow pack-strap he won for facility in reading and speaking English as a part of Operation Bi-Lingual, the U. S. Army Forces Antilles campaign to teach English to Puerto Rican soldiers.

"And here, and in Korea I am learning English still better," he says.



Sketching has always been a good pastime and proof that it can be learned from scratch is shown above. In the photo, left to right, Mrs. Robert Turner, Sheffield Village Women's Club; Mrs. Marjorie White, Sheffield Village Women's Club; Captain Otto Wickstrom, Ward 76 Medical Officer; Mrs. Mary Nelson, Red Cross Gray Lady, Art Specialist; and Sgt. Roland F. Braz, USMC, Ward 76B, admire some of the sketches that Sgt. Braz has done while convalescing. The sketches shown are of his children and are his first works. Art is still a new field to him and he has been steadily improving under the guidance of Mrs. Nelson.

Red Cross Ramblings

When scanning the current magazines you come across advertisements of flapjacks with bacon and eggs, you may think to yourself, "Good, I wouldn't mind one of those plates right now!" Last Sunday morning Sgt. LEONARD DUFFY, USMC, Sgt. JOHN CHRISTENSEN, USMC, Cpl ALLEN PORTER, USMC, Sgt. HORACE U. SMITH, and Cpl RICHARD KIMBRELL, USMC, were guests at El Nido Rancho out on the Tunnel Strip, and participated in the KLX Breakfast Broadcast. The patient residing the farthest distance from the Bay Area was given a free long distance telephone call to his home. Sgt. Smith was the lucky winner—he spoke to his family in Mississippi. If you are interested in attending one of these Sunday Brunches, tell the Red Cross worker on your ward. The Station Wagon leaves at 1015 and returns around 1400.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Friday, 4 May, was a gala occasion on Ward 42A. Cpl VICTOR BEAUCHAMP, USMC, and Cpl WERNER REININGER, USMC, were one year older. The Gurney was decorated with paper hats, noisemakers, and two cakes—one chocolate and one light. While the celebrants blew out the candles on their cakes, much merriment went on as the patients surrounded the men and sang "Happy Birthday."

MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!

Monday, 7 May, the Music Sorority of San Francisco State College entertained ambulatory patients in the Red Cross Lounge (Bldg. 32) with a diversified and amusing musical program. The girls were pretty, the singers delightful, and the dance team did several exhibition numbers that called for much applause and many curtain calls. We hope they will arrange for a return visit soon.

BUT SIMULTANEOUSLY . . .

Eleven of our hospital Chess Club members sat down to an evening's game, to play Stanley Behrends, of Oakland Chess fame. Mr. Behrends plays a mean brand of chess, and his opponents report that they are anticipating some instruction in his tactics on succeeding Wednesday

evenings when he will be available at the Red Cross Lounge, or on scheduled wards. Despite the fact that he dropped four games and drew one, every match was a matter of controversy. The U.S. Naval Hospital line-up for the evening included the following players: LTJG JOE McVEIGH, N. A. HEYWOOD, 8A, Sgt. GENE LEWIS, Ward 65A, J. M. WILLIAMS, Ward 83A, Sgt. AL PHONSO RAQUINO, Ward 40A, JACQUES NEVEUX, French Navy, of Ward 41A, and NIEVE NEVARE, of Ward 43A. Keep this date in mind, please, all Chess Players—The Center Chess Club, from the Pharmaceutical Laboratories in Berkeley, coming for a return match on Wednesday evening, 16 May. Now that we have had some tournament experience since their first visit here in April, we hope to improve our play with them at this next meeting.

LONG HAIRED MUSIC

Some of the patients at Oak Hill attended the concert at the War Memorial Opera House last Tuesday evening, to hear Helen Traubel, soprano soloist, Pfc JAMES HURTINGTON, USMC, and Pfc FRANK LIN COMBS, of Ward 42A enjoy her renditions of the classics very much.

CRIBBAGE

Interested in competitive Cribbage Tournaments? The patients on Ward 74A are anxious to play all over. W. T. Sherriff, MM1, USN, in charge of rules and scoring. Let a Red Cross worker know, and we will arrange a match of winners from various wards.

Since tomorrow is Mother's Day, High Mass will be observed by members of the Catholic faith. The Mass is 0900 and special music will be given by the Holy Redeemer Choir.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

29 April

FAVIER, Dick Lee, to wife of Leo Farmer, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
 CALDWELL, John Albert, II, to wife of John Caldwell, AD1, 6 pounds, 11½ ounces.
 SCHUBERT, Andrew John, to wife of Richard Schubert, ENS, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 CHURCH, Girl, to wife of Clayton Church, ADC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 DOWN, Gay, to wife of Louis Toomey, ENS, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
 CASH, Thomas Dana, to wife of Jack, Edith T. Set, 7 pounds.
 LEE, Lee Lee, to wife of Joseph Cox, AD1, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

30 April

TOUNG, Westley, Jr., to wife of Westley Toomey, SD3, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
 HICKARAY, Nancy Caroline, to wife of David Hickaray, ADC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
 ADAM, Maria Louisa, to wife of August Adam, SK1, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
 HUNSTON, Robert, to wife of Robert Hunstun, AM1, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
 BOWKER, Herbert Hunstun, III, to wife of Robert Bowker, Jr., LTJG, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

1 May

WILLIAMS, Anne Louise, to wife of William Williams, LT, 10 pounds.
 JEFFREY, to wife of Bernard Levin, LTJG, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
 GIBBS, Arthur Edward, to wife of Eugene Gibbs, 1st Lt, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.
 DAY, Belva Colleen, to wife of Russell Day, ENS, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 GANAS, Richard Joseph, Jr., to wife of Richard Ganas, SK1, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
 HOADES, Evan Robert, to wife of Harry Hoades, AD1, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

2 May

HORTON, Dani Teresa, to wife of George Horton, YNSN, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.
 WOOD, Beverly Lee, to wife of Joel Wood, 8 Set, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 LA ROCK, Kathleen Marie, to wife of John La Rock, SA, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
 WILSON, Ted Dale, to wife of Myles Wilson, BM3, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
 TANNER, Michael Vincent, to wife of Michael Tanner, ETNS3, 9 pounds, 14 ounces.

DE PRATER, Brenda Ellen, to wife of Walter De Prater, SN, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 WHITWORTH, Girl, to wife of Thomas Whitworth, HM2, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
 BORN, Frederick Alexander, to wife of Charles Horn, LTJG, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
 YOUNG, William Ray, to wife of Richard Young, HM1, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
 BUCK, Girl, to wife of Paul Buck, ADF3, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

3 May

STONE, Caroline Lisa, to wife of Otha Stone, SD1, 7 pounds, 9½ ounces.
 APANASIEWICZ, Mary, to wife of Thaddeus Apansiewicz, Sgt, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
 GESSLER, James John, to wife of James Gessler, RMC, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
 TAYLOR, Michael Ronald, to wife of Wiley Taylor, AA, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
 BRIGGS, Keith Edward, to wife of Fred Briggs, LTJG, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
 GURENA, Frederick Manuel, to wife of Frederick Gurena, Cpl, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
 PLYER, Rick Alan, to wife of William Plyer, BMSN, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

4 May

LUCK, Richard Murray, to wife of William Luck, AD3, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
 GARDNER, Cheryl Sue, to wife of Wayne Gardner, YNC, 7 pounds, 1½ ounces.
 LORTZ, Roberta Ann, to wife of Robert Lortz, AOJ3, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
 ROSS, Carol Lynn, to wife of Robert Ross, SN, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
 VANDERMARK, Joseph Daniel, Jr., to wife of Joseph Vandermark, Sgt, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
 GOSS, Robin Ann, to wife of Roland Goss, AK1, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
 KOCH, John Michael, to wife of John Koch, AMAN, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
 GARY, Steven Wayne, to wife of James Gary, AC2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
 BASSLER, James Michael, to wife of Michael Bassler, SN, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

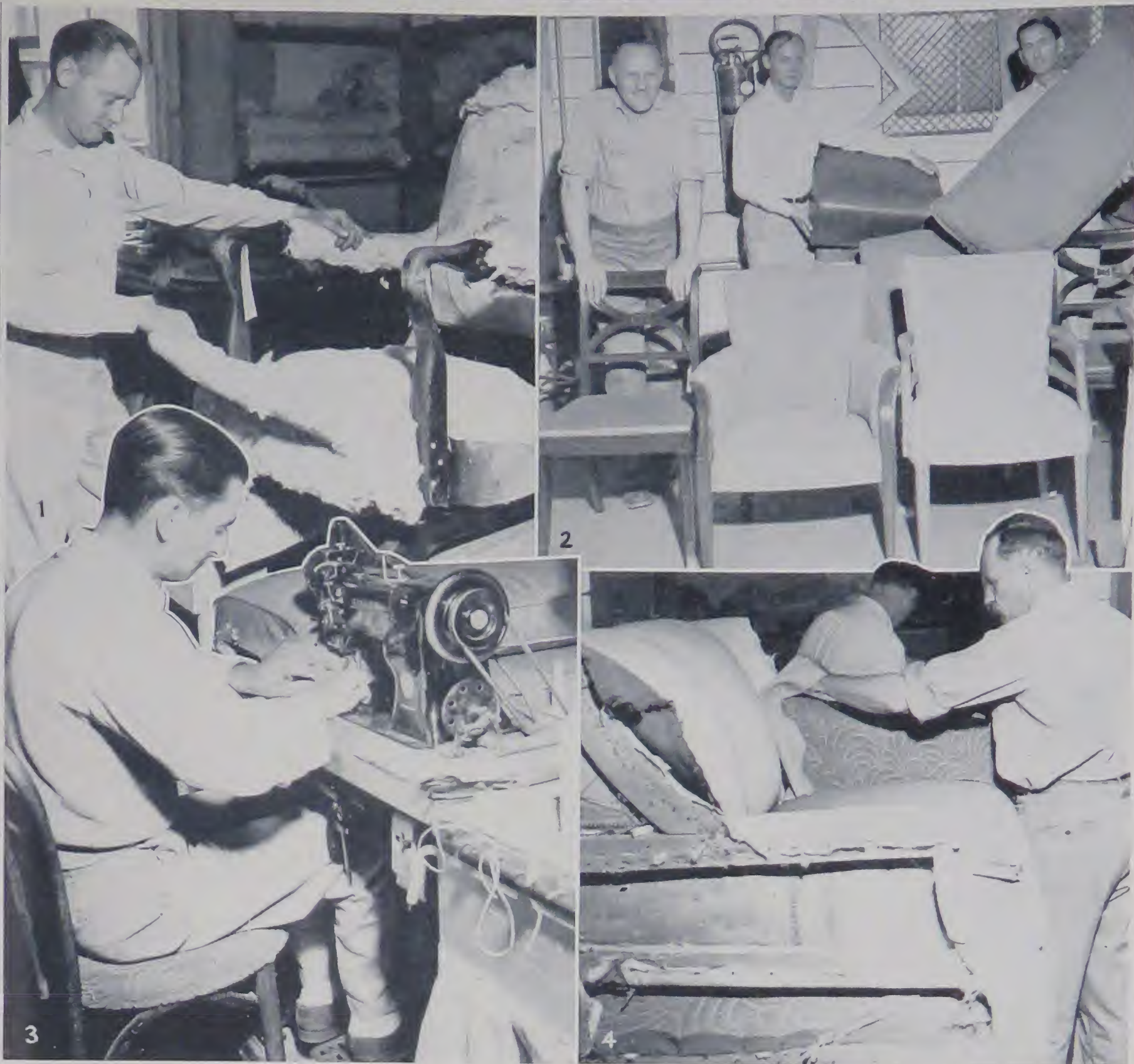
5 May

GLAHN, Carl Edward, to wife of George Glahn, MMC, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
 GIBBS, Charles Edward, III, to wife of Charles Gibbs, Jr., 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
 MORRIS, Barbara Lynne, to wife of Jack Morris, YNSN, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
 BAILEY, April Colleen, to wife of Ira Bailey, SN, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
 DOWNEY, Louise Kathryn, to wife of Robert Downey, RMN2, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
 McDORMAN, David Anthony, to wife of Leroy McDorman, Sgt, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

FRANKLIN, Christine Mae, to wife of James Franklin, 1st Lt, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 BROWN, Boy, to wife of Warren Brown, STAN, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
 RODRIGUES, Edward Steven, to wife of Edward Rodrigues, BM2, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

6 May

WASTERNAR, Girl, to wife of Joseph Pasternak, Cpl, 7 pounds.
 CANTER, William Howard, to wife of Howard Lancaster, ADC, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
 LORENZO, Leonard Joseph, Jr., to



Above is a sampling of what goes on in the Hospital's Upholstery shop, where furniture and other items in need of repair, are reconditioned and made usable again. Pictured above (1) William (Bill) Sullivan, Civilian Employee, packs the padding onto a chair which is to be re-covered. Showing off their handiwork in the Shop (2) are Emile Dubois (left), Bill Sullivan (center) and Lee Richardson (right). Busily at work at the big sewing machine used for stitching canvas (3) Lee Richardson sews on the covering for a large lounge chair pillow. Stretching the covering material over an overstuffed set, preparatory to tacking it on (4) is Emile Dubois, who is the covering specialist in the shop, and is proud of the first class work they turn out on equipment needing repair.

New Service Center In San Francisco

The opening of the Armed Forces Service Center, 207 Powell Street, San Francisco, took place last Sunday, 6 May, under the auspices of the American Women's Voluntary Services. It will be open every day from 1000 to 2200.

There will be a snack bar, sewing service, writing desks, books and magazines, music, and an information desk. All members of the Armed Forces are invited to enjoy the facilities.

The AWVS also announces a dance for enlisted personnel to be held on Sunday afternoons, 13 May and 20 May, from 1400 to 1800 at the Terrace Room, Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco.

Blonde: "Sorry, soldier, but I never go out with perfect strangers."

Soldier: "Don't worry about that, Babe. I ain't perfect!"

wife of Leonard De Lorenzo, HM3, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

HYNSON, Michael Shawn, to wife of Francis Hyson, DCC, 7 pounds.

WILLIS, Kim, to wife of Conrad Willis, AMS3, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

WILLIAMS, Karen Denise, to wife of Leon Williams, EM3, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

BURROWS, Phillip Wayne, to wife of William Burrows, Sgt, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

ROBISON, David Blake, to wife of Delma Robison, SN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Staff Picnic Features Plenty of Food and Fun

The weatherman and old Sol came around last week to assist the Welfare and Recreation Department make the Second staff picnic of the year a big success, in the Orchard area of Redwood Regional Park.

Coats and heavy clothing were needed only occasionally and about 100 staff members and their partners were on hand for all the food you could eat, plus the games. Featured on the menu were thick, juicy steaks, baked beans, potato salad, soda pop, and beer.

Highlighting the afternoon, other than eating, were the softball games, horseshoe pitching and hiking. Many of the party-ers whetted appetites by taking hikes to the tops of surrounding hills, to take in the view of the surrounding territory.

If you enjoy good food and lots of fun, be sure to attend the next picnic, and bring the entire family, or your dates.

One Sailor's Luck!

New York (AFPS) — Servicemen sometimes fall heir to a number of special privileges besides those specified in regulations. A holdup man who accosted a sailor and his girl companion in Central Park recently, robbed the girl, but spared the sailor's belongings.

Upholstery Shop Handles Many Jobs

The haven of rest and repair for all broken or worn furniture articles on the hospital compound is the Upholstery and Repair Shop located adjacent to the Carpenter Shop. Just about everything that the "Old Navy" Sailmaker would do is done in the shop.

There workmen repair and recover all types of furniture, mattresses, and truck seats; they make awnings, machine covers, sandbags, slipcovers for furniture, tarps, and many other items needed around the hospital. One of the unusual items manufactured in the shop is straight-jackets.

The Upholstery Shop is under the supervision of Carpenter Shop foreman, Henry Moser, but most of the time the upholsterers work independently. Members of the staff are William Sullivan, Emile Dubois, and Lee Richardson.

An interesting addition to the shop is a very young blue-jay. The bird was discovered just a few days ago as a cat was about to "finish it off." Bill Sullivan rescued the youngster and proceeded to take it under his wing. "Blue Boy" has fast become a favorite of all the members of the shop staff and seems very happy in his new home.



Blue-jays are known as finicky birds but there is always an exception. Pictured above is William "Bill" Sullivan, Upholstery Shop employee, and "Blue-Boy," a recently-acquired addition to the shop's staff. While recovering from injuries suffered in a fight with a cat, Blue-Boy is making his home close to his rescuers.

Civilian Disciplinary Regs Are Published

During the next few weeks civilian employees will see posted on the bulletin boards in their offices and shops the newly published civilian personnel memo on the subject of disciplinary procedures. The policies and procedures enunciated in the memo are the same as those now in effect throughout the Navy, but now they are being made available for all in written form.

The new memorandum emphasizes that it is a fundamental policy of the hospital that the disciplinary procedure goes far beyond that of assigning punishment. It points out the value of attempting to correct a disciplinary situation on an informal basis without resorting to the assignment of penalties. It stresses that only after a thorough effort has been made by the supervisor to solve the problem by informal methods should he then consider the assignment of penalties; and even then, the memo states, the penalty given should be for the purpose of correcting the offending employee rather than as a means of retaliation.

The memo places much importance on the authority and responsibility of the immediate supervisor in regard to informing the persons under his supervision as to exactly what is expected and in maintaining good morale and discipline within his section. The supervisor in immediate authority is responsible for investigating all potential disciplinary problems, for instructing and correcting his subordinates, and when necessary for recommending to his department head that formal disciplinary action be taken.

It is explained that the value of putting the hospital's disciplinary policies and procedures in written form is to insure fair, effective, and uniform discipline throughout the station.

Defensive halfbacks
And uninformed lasses
Must ever be ready
To intercept passes.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

DISHING THE DIRT: The most popular song around the base is "So Long, It's Been Good To Know You." Old buddies are leaving like mad—Groping my way through the Spring Garden Show at the Auditorium I noticed some flowers I recognized: Sara Griffin, J. Crouse, Jean Naylor, Lee Steinike, and "Muggsie" Mahoney—"Oak Leaf" editor Bob Innes will be summering in fashionable Newport, Rhode Island. He's off to Officers Candidate School—Bugler John Erickson (he also puts in a little time working about the OD's Office) was one of the contestants chosen for the Horace Heidt show at TI—Elwood Sumner is another who lost his bachelorhood. There are so many marriages among the staff each week that we'll have to start an "obituary" column and list them all—There's talk that Margaret Bergsma made an important capture on the ward a few days ago—Chief Branson gets around. Wednesday he was at "Mr. Roberts," and Thursday at the premiere of "The Square Needle." There's a dash of thespian there: Monterey and Carmel have long known of his talents—Enjoying the sunshine, and hotdogs on Skyline Boulevard were John Reiche and Bob Mumma—Loren Dunstan tells of a new cologne dubbed "Ambush."—My, my, aren't we the elegant ones? Dining, dancing, and staring open mouthed at Lena Horne's stylized vocalizing at the Fairmount's Venetian Room were Lou Freeze and Marie Canning. Right alongside of them was columnist Herb Caen—The Fairmount draws the Oak Knoll crowd. In the Gold Room were the two Toms, "Lizzie" and "Rosy," all aflutter in formals and flowers. Riding on the "Merry Go Round Bar" was Louis Ramirez from 47B—Katie Evans is still not used to dial phones. Guess they are a novelty down Carolina way, eh honey chile?—Dorothy Hopson is brandishing a new scar on her ankle. She was so amazed by her first escalator ride that she forgot to step off. And I always thought Wichy-Tichy (Wichita to you) was so progressive. Imagine, not even one escalator in that town—Chief Bak now numbers the CPO Club among his duties—Gordon Hinschberger and Edwina Manning will make it legal this week end—

PICNIC TIME: Welfare and Rec finally hit a sunny day for a picnic, and the crowd had a wonderful time. The cooks are getting used to charcoal fires and the steaks were extra delicious. Arlene Normington was so full of steaks and cokes that she rolled over on her blanket and fell sound asleep—Tommy Hays and Lee Steinike had lots of energy and bounded up a hill "for the exercise."—Roy Gage and Bill Jones kept things running smoothly—As usual, Bill Evans was behind the beer kegs seeing that they kept flowing for the thirsty crowd—Joe Geis and the family were out getting the afternoon sun—The Utah rooters were there, among them the Petersons, Bryants, and Ramptons—Clem Guth was holding one container of beer and one of milk—Dick Mantiglia came chugging in just in time for a steak.



Highly surprised at receiving a birthday cake in the Enlisted Recreation Center last week was J. J. Redmond, HM1, of the Environmental Sanitation School. The cake was presented by Mr. J. W. Steele, of the Personal Finance Company in Oakland, and was arranged for by "Red's" girl-friend, Mrs. Madeline Fitzgerald, of Somerville, Mass. Madeline works for the Personal Finance Co. in Somerville and arranged the surprise presentation with the help of Mr. Steele and Dennis J. McSweeney. Pictured above, left to right are Redmond, Mrs. Steele, Harold Milner, HM2, Norton Douglas, HM2, W. E. Smeal, HM2, E. K. Earhart, HM2, R. A. Smith, HM2, Mrs. Dennis McSweeney, Mr. Steele, and Mr. McSweeney who all gathered around to wish "Red" a very happy birthday.

Enlist in Marines Without Losing Rate

The Marine Corps has opened its ranks to enlisted reservists on active duty who may become regulars without loss of rank or precedence.

Selection boards at Marine Corps headquarters will pass on applications of Master Sergeants who desire to become regulars. Tech Sergeants and below who apply, if approved by their local commanding officers, may then immediately be enlisted in the regular Marine Corps.

The opportunity to become regular Marines applies to women as well as men on active duty. Marine male reservists between the ages of 17 and 31, and women 18 and 31 on active duty are eligible to apply.

Those more than 31 may qualify if their total active duty time deducted from their age is 31 or less. Periods of enlistment are for three, four or six years.

CPO Club Plans Dance And Bingo This Month

Big social doings are scheduled at the CPO Club during the merry month of May.

First event on the bill of fare is a dance to be held next Saturday night, 2100 to 2400, with a buffet supper served at 2030. Frankie Pro and his orchestra will play for dancing.

There will be a Bingo Night 18 May. Drawing starts at 2030, and the ten-cent jackpot prize of the evening will be worth \$65 in value at the Navy Exchange.

The Chiefs' Wives Club will hold a tea at 1500 on 16 May. Co-hostesses for this event are Mrs. Frank Bak and Mrs. William Harris.

Speaking of money, it's the husband's job to make it first and it's up to the wife to make it last.

Forces Adopt New Citizenship Course

New York (AFPS)—The Armed Forces have adopted a new course in citizenship to help the recruit understand what democracy is and why it's worth fighting for. Teachers College at Columbia University has announced.

The new system is designed to provoke discussion after a practical problem in some phase of democracy has been presented by the instructor.

Fifteen "packaged" lessons have been prepared on such topics as "equality of opportunity," "freedom of the press," "political pressure," and "selective service," according to Captain J. J. O'Donnell of the Navy chief of the education branch of the Armed Forces Information and Education Division.

Each lesson opens with a "stimulator," a controversial problem involving the subject of the lesson. Then the instructor leads a discussion to the broader aspects of the subject and, at the end of the lecture hour, makes a summation.

The program was worked out at the request of the Defense Department on recommendation of General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower who is on leave as President of Columbia. The Carnegie Foundation financed the undertaking with a grant of \$1,500,000.

It is expected the new system will be in full operation within the Armed Forces by 1 August, Capt. O'Donnell said.

Santa Monica, Calif. (AFPS)—Explaining why he paid only 48 cents on a \$1.00 parking fine, H. L. Bridge said: "The officer who slipped the ticket under my windshield wiper broke it, cost me 52 cents."

Welcome and Farewell

The week ending 7 May was a busy one for Oak Knoll's Personnel Office as fifty-eight new staff members reported aboard and forty-three were detached.

Reporting aboard were LT Ocie Martin, from Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va.; LTJG C. H. Gray, from inactive duty; LTJG A. S. Hambly, Jr. from Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, Denver, Colo.; R. E. Johnson, HMC, from U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif.; HMI's R. A. Owens, L. Magowan, L. L. Richie, E. Kallemeyn, E. E. Walker, and C. G. Vance, HM2's W. Stewart, R. V. Paddock, T. R. Newsome, D. Rentlinger, P. A. Miller, N. Douglas, J. E. McGinnis, J. B. May, D. A. Packard, A. H. Brentinger, R. D. Marston, H. L. Milner, and A. A. Lim.

HM3's L. Austenfeld, J. G. Anthony, J. Mastare, A. A. Vance, D. M. Larsen, M. Kriletich, W. Knickerbocker, W. Kingsford, G. E. Conger, J. N. Bagley, D. D. Stiles, R. Metzger, J. D. McComie, R. L. Burton, M. R. Hatch, D. Wentworth, R. B. Jensen, B. Hasing, R. A. Gall, H. W. Doyle, W. W. Stites, and P. M. Felix, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; R. C. Steward, HN, HA's D. N. Skiles, L. P. Ryon, T. C. Robbins, E. L. Northrup, R. D. McNemar, R. G. Durkee, D. E. Davies, G. W. Corbett, and J. E. Sturch, and Ina M. Boyles, HA, (W), from Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif.; and HA's W. B. Levern, and W. Cronican, from USNRS, Treasure Island, California.

Detached were LT W. H. Griffiths, to Dir. Pacific and Alaskan Div., Bureau Yards and Docks, Treasure Island, Calif., FFT; LTJG H. C. Behla, to Naval Station, Kodiak, Alaska; LTJG L. W. Greene, to CG, MarBaks, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; LTJG J. W. Georges, to CG, MarBaks, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.; ENS Emma L. Nero, to inactive duty; CHPCLK John Alden, to patient status; C. Weed, to HDQTRS, Midwest Recruiting Division, St. Louis, Mo.; W. M. Hendry, HMC, to District Staff Headquarters, for duty; W. S. Morgan, HM2, and HM3's N. Bitting, G. R. Ziegler, J. M. Reynolds, J. W. Weires, and R. S. Blackwell, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif., FFT; M. D. Hanlon, HM3, to Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif.; J. P. Gatlin, HM3, to Receiving Station, Bremerton, Wash.; HM3's G. A. Wright, and R. C. Templin, to Naval Station, Kodiak, Alaska; HM3's J. L. Terwilliger, R. B. Swift, D. L. Simmons, H. M. Meyer, and R. J. Kyser, to Naval Station, Adak, Alaska; HN's P. J. Stockham, K. L. Simmons, A. L. Simons, E. H. Powell, C. E. Comfort, K. W. Havens, P. R. Bowlby, and W. M. Thompson, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif., FFT.

A. M. Hoekstra, HN, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Annapolis, Md.; R. L. Atline, HN, to Naval Medical School, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.; HN's R. N. McGraw, and C. C. Polk, to Naval Magazine, Fort Chicago, Calif.; HN's S. Shulman, K. L. Carter, F. C. Thummel, L. L. Sparks, J. N. Sirmon, and H. B. Jones, to ComAir, FMF, Pacific, El Toro, Calif.; and HN's C. D. Rightwell, and E. L. Garner, to USNRS, Treasure Island, California, FFT.

Necklines of some modern dresses are really down to see level.

Staff Personalities



The attractive smile above belongs to Ensign Caramae Milam, NC USNR, who spends her working hours in the Neurosurgery Ward 78A.

Ensign Milam has spent her entire nineteen months in the Navy here at Oak Knoll. This was her first duty station after graduating from the St. Peters School of Nursing at Olympia, Washington.

She calls home Fort Lewis, Washington, where her father is a Civil Service employee.

Ensign Milam, has a wonderful personality and all the patients agree that she is "tops." Her favorite hobbies are dancing and playing tennis. She enjoys her work on the new Neurosurgery ward very much.

Navy Relief Fund Drive Now Underway

The Annual Navy Relief Fund Drive at this hospital began last week and will end 2 June. The Drive is being held as a part of the Alameda Navy Relief Auxiliary Campaign, of which we are a part.

Navy Relief funds have always been given generously to help Navy and Marine personnel and their families at this hospital. Since the last Drive loans at this station alone have been given to 800 different persons and a total of \$32,412 has been loaned. Money loaned in these cases is loaned without interest, and, if conditions warrant, the money is given as gratuity. There were ten cases here in which a total of \$550 was given as gratuity.

In other cases, hospital bills for dependents was paid for by Navy Relief to the tune of \$2,770.15. Many cases had to be refused because of the lack of funds. With the expansion of the service, hardship cases are increasing and more calls are being made than before. This is our opportunity to help financially.

Response so far has been good but there is still a long way to go in reaching our quota. The only solicitations made will be the sale of \$1.00 tickets. Each ticket purchased entitles the donor to a chance on the many prizes, including a new Buick sedan, and a Dodge convertible. Drawings for the prizes will take place 31 May, and 1 and 2 June at Alameda Naval Air Station. All hands are urged to attend the carnival there but it is not necessary to be present to win.

Eugent P. Davis, DTP2, (left) and Ozzie S. Smith, DTP3 (right) are very happy with their jobs in the Navy as their photo shown here conclusively proves.

Davis was recalled to duty last October. His home is in San Leandro where he was working in his own Dental Prosthetic Lab. He went to dental school when he was in the Navy during the last war. His present plans are to go back into business for himself when he is released.

Smith was working for the Post Office in Baxter Springs, Kansas, when he was called back to active duty in January of this year. How to make those false teeth he is holding was learned by practical experience.



Commissions in Navy Now Open to Women

Applications from women who desire to be commissioned ensigns in the women's branch of the Navy are now being accepted. The Navy's recruiting service has been authorized to recruit qualified women candidates to fill line vacancies in the Regular Navy.

Main qualifications are that candidates be single, college graduates, and must be 21 but not over 25 years of age.

Wife, at the train: "Oh, dear! I knew I would forget something. I forgot my bathing suit."

Husband, seeing her off: "Don't worry, dear, I'll put it in a letter and mail it to you right away."

Schooling Deadline Near, Warns VA

Washington (AFPS)—The July 25 deadline for starting educational programs under the Veterans Readjustment Act is less than three months away.

This date, the Veterans Administration reminds all veterans, should be kept in mind. It is final. This coming summer term, for example, will be the last during which most veterans will be permitted to enter or re-enter training.

A veteran must actually be in training by the deadline, if he wants to continue afterwards. VA will consider him in training, even though he has temporarily interrupted his course for summer vacation or for other reasons beyond his control (such as re-entry into military service). Colleges and universities will grant military leaves of absence to students called to active duty with the Armed Forces.

The VA warns, however, that once a veteran completes or discontinues a course of training after the cut-off date, he may not start another.

Also, the veteran must meet these requirements:

He will be expected to pursue his training "continuously until completed, except for conditions which normally would cause interruption by any student."

He may change his educational objective "only while in training and then for reasons satisfactory to the Administrator."

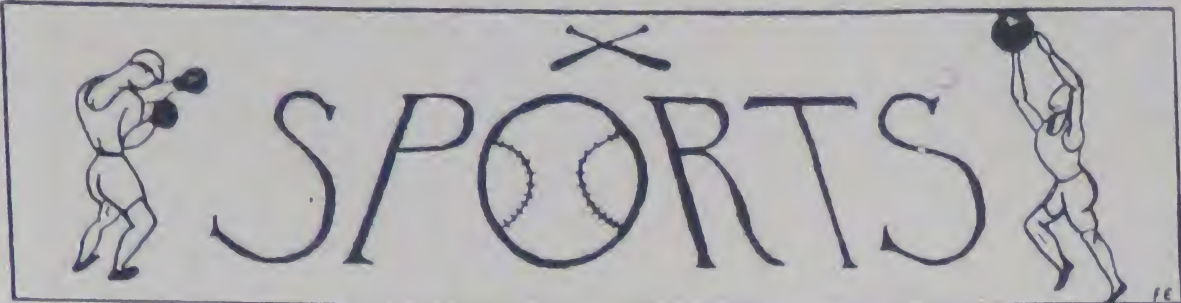
The July 25 cut-off date applies to all World War II veterans discharged before July 25, 1947. Veterans discharged after the 1947 date have four years from the date of discharge in which to begin training. Most veterans in both groups, however, must finish training by July 25, 1956, wind-up date of the program.

An exception has been made for those who enlisted or re-enlisted under the Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act (between October 6, 1945, and October 5, 1946). These veterans have four years from the end of their enlistment or re-enlistment period in which to start training, and nine years from that time to complete such training.

Most of the American Indian tribes had not devised time or writing systems.



"Look at it this way Thorndyke. Balmy breezes blowing a gentle spray of salt water on your pink cheeks . . . there'll be romance . . . travel . . . adventure . . . women will throw themselves at your feet . . ."



Night Crew Leads In Keg Tourney

Now well past the halfway point in competition, the hospital bowling league standings show the Night Crew Team to be ahead with an average of .750 with 20 games played and 15 won, and trailing closely is Physio Therapy averaging .718, with 32 games played and 23 won. In third place is the MAA team with an average of .677—28 games played, and 19 won, while in fourth place is the nurses team, averaging 629—24 games played and 15 won. In sixth place is the Artificial Limb Team with .541, while the Record Office and C.P.O. Teams are tied for seventh place averaging .500 each. These are the scores for Tuesday of this week.

The schedule for Thursday featured the C.P.O.'s vs. the Laundry, Commissary vs. the N.P. Dept., and Artificial Limb against the Night Crew, the scores not available for this issue of the Oak Leaf. The lineup for next Tuesday, 15 May, will find the M.A.A.'s matched against the C.P.O. Team, Record Office vs. Women Dependents, and the Nurses vs. the Laundry.

Zamsky Places Fifth In AAU Swim Meet

Swimming instructor A. G. Zamski can well be proud of his efforts in the A.A.U. Swimming Meet held at Moffett Field last Saturday. Competing against such outstanding swimmers as Peter Cole of Stanford. All placed fifth in the meet. Cole took first place.

The hospital swimming team is still rounding into shape, but no schedule has been arranged. There is still an urgent need for experienced swimmers.

Knollite Baseballers Down McClelland

Led by Jim Wright's hitting and scoring, and Bournellis pitching a seven hit ball game, the Oak Knoll Baseball team downed McClelland Air Force Base 7 - 6 on the McClelland ball field. This is the first game to put the Knollites on the winning side of the ledger.

The Knoll team got off to a good start in the first inning when Irving got a hit, and Wright came up next to belt the second pitch over the fence for a home run. In the third inning, the scorers were Wright, Young, and Amos. In the sixth inning Wright got a double with no one on base, and grabbed a three bagger in the eighth with no one on base. He also scored three runs, assisted in two double plays, made four put-outs, and made a double play unassisted.

During the game the Knollites scored 7 runs, 9 hits, and 6 errors, while McClelland Air Force Base got 6 runs, 7 hits, and 3 errors. During the play, Amos batted 3 for 5, by getting two singles and a double, while the outfield play was enhanced by Tambourski at third base, Wright and Amos in the outfield, and McCann at catch, who repeatedly fired the ball to second base to pick runners off.

Now that the Knoll team has had a taste of victory, let's wish them good luck in their game with Moffett Field next Wednesday, when the Knollites play host to the Airdales.

Softball Tourney Enters Third Week

The Inter Hospital Softball league is now well underway, with the second week of competition ended. In last week's play, on Monday, 30 April, the Officers team downed the Chiefs, 9 to 1. Tuesdays game was rained out, and on Wednesday the N.P. Team won out over the independents 9 to 4. Thursday's game was rained out, but on Monday, 7 May, Surgery II defeated the Lab team 9 to 6, while on Tuesday the Chiefs won out over N.P. 3 to 2.

The Schedule for the next week will include on Monday, the Officers vs. N.P.'s, and on Tuesday the Civil Service Girls will play the Lab team, Wednesday's play will feature Surgery II vs. Civil Service Girls, and on Thursday the N.P. Dept. will take on the Record Office team.



"A career in the Navy can't be beat" says Norman R. Targon, HN, after being sworn in for another six-year hitch by Captain J. N. C. Gordon, MC USN, Commanding Officer. Targon, whose home is in Oakland, spends his working hours in the Pediatrics Department. Another staff man who re-enlisted last week was Bill F. Wilhelmus, HM3, who has been working in the Brig since reporting here.

PREVIEWS

- Sunday, 13 May
INSIDE THE WALLS OF FOLSOM PRISON—David Bryan, Steve Cochran. A new one with no information available as yet.
- Monday, 14 May
EASTSIDE, WESTSIDE—Barbara Stanwyck, James Mason. This well received MGM film was first released early last year. It received rating of good from all reviewers.
- Tuesday, 15 May
IN THE NAVY—Bud Abbott, Lou Costello. COMEDY. Not yet reviewed, this should be a good follow up to the army version, Buck Private. These two famous stars bring their antics to the front again and as usual deserve a good round of applause.
- Wednesday, 16 May
SKIPALONG ROSENBLOOM — Max Baer, Jackie Coogan, and Maxie Rosenbloom. COMEDY. Max Baer plays the part of an outlaw whose gang is terrorizing the town of Buttonhole Bend. An old rancher loses money in a crooked poker game and when the gamblers threaten to foreclose on his ranch, which has a lost gold mine on it, he sends for his grandson Maxie Rosenbloom, a fearless fighter. Maxie comes to the rescue along with his buddy, Jackie Coogan. They clean up the situation but an interesting climax is reached when they both fall in love with the same girl.
- Thursday, 17 May
WHEN I GROW UP — Robert Preston, Martha Scott. This is a new film by Horizon Productions that is a fine picture of family life which is almost certain to please every member of the family. It captures all the joy and sadness of family life. Rated very good by reviewers.
- Friday, 18 May
THE MAN FROM PLANET X—Robert Clarke, Margaret Fields. Anyone who likes films about Earth people visiting other planets will enjoy this one. The story is not as incredible as it might sound and is very well written and handled.
- Saturday, 19 May
ON THE TOWN — Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra. No information available on this one but should be excellent with two of the top dancing stars playing the leads.

Chuckles

- Stage Manager: "I'm going to make you go on that stage wearing less than any chorine ever did before"
- Chorine: "Ha, ha! How can I wear any less than I do now?"
- Stage Manager: "Take that off your face!"
- Shed a tear for Lieutenant Van Ness
- He agreed when his wife said "My hair is a mess!"
- Quick Quips: No matter how long your conversation might be, a woman likes to have it flatter . . . A girl who is not a hit, is usually safe at home . . . Many people are good friends until debt do them part . . . Most talks—it's most famous phrase "goodbye." . . . Many a Hollywood ham brings home the bacon.
- Jailbird: "What ya in for?"
- 2nd J. B.: "Rocking my wife to sleep."
- Jailbird: "They can't put ya in here for that."
- 2nd J. B.: "You ain't seen the end of them rocks."
- Boy: A noise with dirt on it
- West Palm Beach, Fla. (AFPS) Jack Jackson's petition to change his name has been approved. He will henceforth be known as Narciso Scomani.

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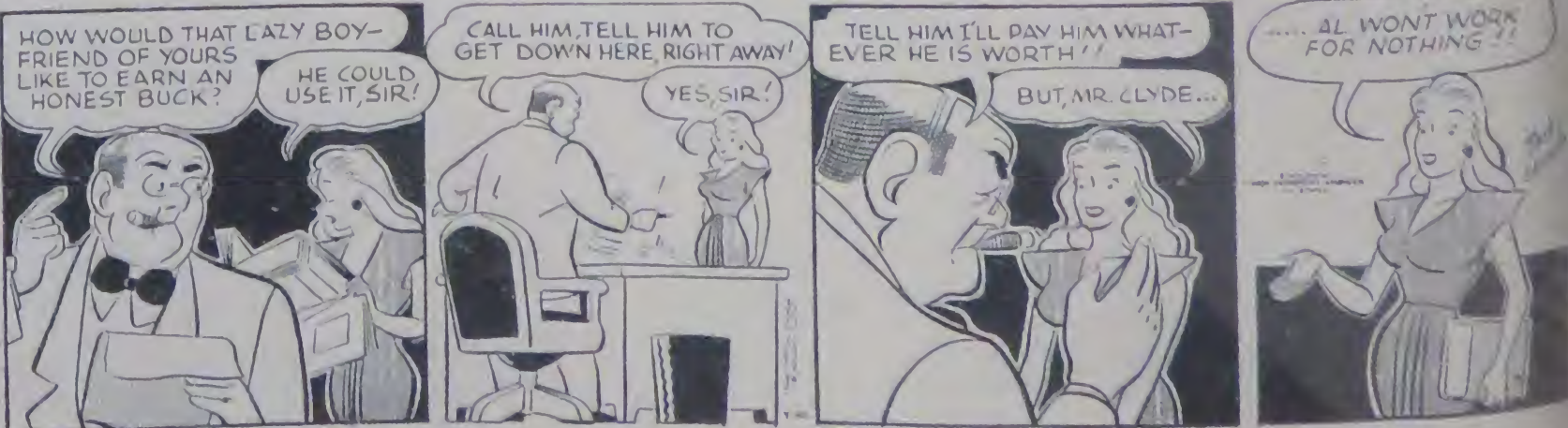
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Saturday, 19 May, 1951



Edwina Manning, HM2, became the bride of Gordon Hinschberger, HM2, USN, at the Oak Knoll Chapel Saturday, 12 May. The marriage was performed by Chaplain E. L. Wade. Mrs. Gordon Cole, San Francisco, was matron of honor and L. A. Spellins, also of San Francisco, served as best man. The new Mrs. Hinschberger is from Springfield, Mass.; her husband's home town is Sanborn, N. D. They met at Oak Knoll last October.

New Hospital Band To Be Organized

If present plans do not go awry, Oak Knoll will have its own dance band for the enlisted men's dance scheduled for 21 May.

HM2 Paul Miller is hard at work rounding up members for the 10 to 12-piece group to play at all station dances and held his first practice session on Monday.

Miller said the practice revealed a good brass section but a definite need for more saxophone players. He asked that any sax men, or others interested in playing in the band, contact him through Welfare and Recreation. Orchestra members, he said, will be paid for their time playing at hospital dances.

Miller, who also helped organize the Oak Knoll orchestra back in 1943, said he could use a good "front" man as master of ceremonies, and another man to direct the band. At present Miller leads the group from his room.

Busy going through the music library, Miller said instruments could be furnished to anyone wishing to play in the band. He added that daily practice sessions will be held until after the band plays its first dance.

Armed Forces Display To Feature Knoll Amputees

How the Army, Navy and Air Force work together to defend the freedom of the country they serve will be demonstrated tomorrow for Eastbay citizens who turn out for the community's annual celebration of Armed Forces Day.

The program, heretofore held at individual military installations, will take place at Lakeside park in downtown Oakland, where parades and drills by a number of armed forces units and veterans' organizations will be presented and where special ceremonies in honor of new citizens will be held at 1400. This part of the program will be presented in observance of "I Am An American Day," which coincides with Armed Forces Day.

Sham Battle

Climax of the celebration will come at 1400 when a sham battle will be held on the shore of Lake Merritt. Planes from NAS, Alameda, will fly over, while the marines land under enemy fire. The wounded will be rescued by helicopter.

A display of development and research by the Oak Knoll Artificial Limb Department will represent the medical branch of the Navy.

Twelve amputees from Oak Knoll

will participate in the display, between 1100 and 1700. The display will be under the direction of Commander T. J. Canty, MC, USN, Officer in Charge of the amputee program.

Others working with the display are LCDR Rosella Nesgis, LT R. M. Ware, LT Sarah Griffin, Mr. Charles C. Asbelle and Mr. Jack Bates.

Patients Participate

Patients who will participate in the demonstration are Thomas W. Singles, FN, USN; Pfc. Kenneth McGuire, USMC; Sgt. Johnny J. Martin, USMC; Richard R. Powers, FN, USN; Pfc. Michael Ropczyki, USA; Cpl. Werner Reininger, USMC; S/Sgt. Vernon Plummer, USMC; Pfc. Robert Dixon, USMC, and Mr. Donald Strong, a Marine Corps veteran, and Mr. Russell Smith, a Navy veteran.

In addition to showing the seven steps in the development of the use of artificial limbs, patients from Oak Knoll will demonstrate their ability in the use of the limbs. Also on display will be the latest prosthetic devices in use in the Armed Forces.

Exhibits by all military installations will be placed in the park area on Bellevue Avenue, just off Grand.



Former Editor of the Oak Leaf, B. G. Innes, HM1, is now enroute to Newport, R. I., where he will spend the next four months in training at the Line Officers' School. Bob came to Oak Knoll last August from his home in Springfield, Missouri, and has been the Editor of the Oak Leaf since that time. Before coming into the Navy, he was Office Manager for the International Harvester Company in Springfield, and is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State College. After he receives his commission as an Ensign, Bob hopes to transfer to the Supply Corps.

SEC NAV to Present Awards on Sunday

Secretary of the Navy Francis P. Matthews has been in the Bay Area since Wednesday to participate in the Armed Forces Day celebrations, which have included a luncheon which the Commanding Officer attended in Alameda Thursday noon, a luncheon yesterday at the Commercial Club, San Francisco, where ten Oak Knoll patients had an opportunity to meet the secretary.

Tomorrow Mr. Matthews will present awards to Korean heroes in San Francisco's special Armed Forces Day celebration at the Presidio. Four Oak Knoll patients will be honored at the ceremony. They are 2nd LT Byron L. Magness, USMC, who will be awarded the Silver Star Medal; MSGT Lawrence J. Baker, USA, and CPL John N. Sjursen, USMC, Bronze Star Medals; and Donald Ralph Fish, USMC, the Purple Heart Medal.

GEN Ridgway Now Four Star General

Tokyo (AFPS) — It is GEN Matthew B. Ridgway, Far East Commander, now.

He is wearing four stars, indicative of a full Generalcy after being nominated to the higher rank by President Truman. The Senate followed with quick confirmation.



Two popular long-time staff members were detached from duty here Friday. They are J. M. Simms, HMC, left, and F. H. Anderberg, HMC. Chief Simms, who could usually be found racing about the hospital with a camera, headed the Photo Lab during his tour of duty here, and has been responsible for hundreds of pictures that have appeared in the Oak Leaf, while Chief Anderberg had served in Staff Personnel and as bookkeeper for Officers' Mess and manager of Chiefs' Club. Chief Simms, here since 6 January, 1949, has been ordered to duty at Tripler Army Hospital, Honolulu. Chief Anderberg, who will be assigned to MSTs San Francisco, came to Oak Knoll 27 October, 1947. Both will be missed by their many friends around the hospital.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"Ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free, and you shall be free indeed."

Pilate once asked Jesus, "What is the truth?" How would you answer that question today? You might say it is a system of rules, which, if followed, tunes one's life with the Universe. Or, you might just say, "It is God's way to live." Or it is the key to life itself.

I once approached a busy intersection and saw a crowd of people standing in the street, all talking loudly. As I stopped in the line of cars to await clearance of the intersection so I could drive on, I saw that three cars were badly damaged, having smashed together in the center of the road. As I stood on the fringe of the crowd, someone said one man was killed, and two other people seriously injured. Other occupants of the three cars were arguing as to whose fault it was, and a policeman was trying to learn who was to blame. "What is the law?" "What rule of the road applies here, and who is to blame?" These were the important questions.

Likewise, when a crisis arises in people's lives, and a family or a group of friends are involved, and the happiness, welfare or morals of one person, or the whole group, are at stake, you should say to your own soul, if you are one of that group, "What is the truth? What moral law applies, and just what does it mean? Who will be to blame?" No important decision should be made by any person until he has first challenged the integrity of the act with his background knowledge of the truth that makes men free.

If his knowledge of moral truth is vague, if he is not sure what is honest, just, kind or right, he had better seek advice from a friend whose judgment in moral matters is greater than his own. Another aid would be to re-study religious ethics and learn the truth.

It does not take a wizard to see that the world has in it a host of unhappy, discontented people. Some of these people seem to have gotten a little more than their share of bad breaks, but the greater number of these miseries, restless and unhappy as they are, are but serving the imprisonment of their own sin. Selfishness, greed, lust, intemperance, disobedience, hate, anger, envy, pride, cruelty—one, or a combination of these major sins have slowly bound the soul until no longer is the individual free.

Divine Truth, recorded in the Holy Scriptures, known and applied, breaks the shackles of human sin and sets the soul free. It not only sets it free, but elevates it to a strong point of vantage where old sins may be cast off and lost forever; where a comprehensive view of life may be maintained. This freedom, this mountain-top view of the Eternal City, this feeling of safety, this assurance of the nearness of God, puts a song in the human heart and brings heaven on earth.

Unhappiness is not a necessary evil to bear. Every person who so desires may walk the Glory Road, getting a thrill out of the common events of every day. The percentage of unhappiness which we all experience is in direct proportion to the percentage of knowledge of the Truth that we have and apply. A person who really tries to answer the question, "What is Truth?" in the conduct of his own life, will find his share of happiness and peace.

There is but one question greater than, "What is Truth?" That question is: "Have I been guided in my thinking and conduct by the Truth?" The world's heavy burdens of today could be lifted; war's hideous shadow could be replaced by the Glorious Light of God's Love; men could walk with a firm step of faith and hope if enough people believed and lived the truth that makes men free.

J. A. WHITMAN, Protestant Chaplain.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY
1930 — In Chaplains' Office — Ward 40A

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
0630 — 0900 — 1215
DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1150
Confessions before Mass

NOVENA DEVOTIONS AND
CHOIR PRACTICE:
TUESDAY 1900

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
CHAPEL & 40A
NAVY RELIEF OFFICE — 40A

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 1000
in Staff Conference Room,
Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045



Ward 42A joined in the fun to celebrate two of the patients' birthdays on Friday, 11 May. Green, yellow, and red paper hats and noisemakers, and the homemade chocolate cake, were heartily approved by all. Pictured above, left to right, are: Mrs. Marjorie Hudson, Red Cross Gray Lady; Mrs. Helen Garcia, Red Cross Gray Lady; Mrs. Lucille Gould, Red Cross Gray Lady; LT Gwendolyn Spille, NC; ENS Inez Udivich, NC; Cpl L. A. Duffy, USMC; CDR S. W. Northrup, MC; Cpl John Newkirk, USMC; Sgt J. A. Christensen, USMC; Pfc Hollis Fuchs, USMC; Sgt Wayne Davis, USMC, and Cpl Ralph Newman, USMC. Seated, left to right, are: Cpl John Owen, USMC, and J. L. Allen, ACC, USN. Sgt Werner Reininger and Sgt Victor Beauchamp, now one year older, were the special guests of honor.

Red Cross Ramblings

THIS SHOULD PUZZLE YOU

There is a wide variety of jigsaw puzzles of all sizes and descriptions available now. Come on up topside the Community Service Building and select as many as you like. If you are a bed patient and would like to work on, speak to the Red Cross worker about them and we will send up a lap-board and puzzle for you.

MOST POPULAR HOBBY!

Interest in stamp collecting is again on the upgrade. Thanks to the large number of donations that the Red Cross has received from clubs and individuals in the nearby communities, there are many fine stamps and the necessary equipment for both the beginner and the most experienced collector. The Stamp Club meets at 1400 every Wednesday. Let us hear from you and we will be glad to aid you in furthering this hobby.

CHESS MEETS

Simultaneous match — eleven Oak Knollers pitted their combined chess minds against Stanley Behrends, chess instructor recruited through Red Cross, Oakland Chapter. The net result was four wins, three draws and four losses. A similar match was arranged for Wednesday evening, 9 May, with Guthrie McLain of Berkeley as the master player. He easily disposed of all opponents with the exception of LTJG JOHN McVEIGH, who managed to score one game. Mr. McLain is well known in the Bay Area for his chess ability. It was a real experience for our men to have the opportunity to meet this skilled player.

HOLE IN ONE

How is your golf game these days? Every Tuesday morning the patients may go to the Alameda Golf Course to play 9 holes. If you are interested you may sign up with Miss O'Neill in the Red Cross Lounge, Building 32.

TIME TO GET THE CROPS IN

There is one time of year that sets every farmer, past or present to sniffing the air, even if it filters in through a hospital window. That time is after we have had a few rains and expect a few more, and the air

has a sort of soft feeling to it. This is PLANTING TIME and that time is right now! Maybe you would like to put a few seeds in the ground and watch them grow, or some little bedding flower plants and shrubs. Vegetables can look pretty as well as taste good when you pick them fresh. Just outside your ward is quite a lot of unturfed space which could be planned. Flower pots and boxes can be used inside. If you have a feeling for GROWING THINGS, just tell your Red Cross worker and she will see that you get whatever you would like in the way of tools, soil improver, expert advice, seeds and plants. (Just take it easy on six-year old orchids, will ya?)

Rate Established For NSLI Dividends

Washington (AFPS)—Men under 40 years of age holding National Service Life Insurance term policies are being paid a rate of 50 cents per month per \$1,000 of insurance in current NSLI special dividends, the Veterans Administration has announced.

The 50 cents per thousand rate will be used in computing payments of about half the 8,200,000 policy holders receiving the dividend, totaling \$685 million.

Payment rates for policy holders over 40 must be worked out for each individual case.

Dividend checks are being mailed at the rate of approximately 150,000 a week to veterans who had policies in force for three months between the policy anniversary dates in 1948 and 1951. Checks should be received from three to four months after policy anniversary dates.



Knoll Amputees Visit Capitol; Talk With President

Four U. S. Marine Corps amputee patients, battle casualties in Korea, returned to Oak Knoll last Saturday from Washington, D. C., where they demonstrated their artificial limbs, which were made for them by the Artificial Limb Department of the U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland.

The patients, who, among other things, had a conference with the President, appeared before a large congressional group, lunched at the Capitol and toured the White House, were Sergeant Johnny J. Martin, Private Edward J. Mitchell, Private Kenneth F. McGuire, and Private Frank Whorley.

The men attended a meeting of the National Research Council's Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs. The committee acts as a co-ordinator for the activities in that line in all the Armed Forces and civilian medical research centers.

Highlight of the trip for the men was a half-hour audience with President Truman. The President told the men that he was well aware of the work being done in artificial limb development and commented that he hoped the development by the armed forces will be projected into civilian use.

After their conference with the President, the men toured the White House, visited the cabinet room, saw the swimming pool, and bowled at the White House bowling alley.

While in Washington, members of the group were guests of Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts at a luncheon at the Capitol. Also present were numerous officials of both Congress and the Armed Forces.

The men also demonstrated their prowess with the artificial limbs for more than 200 congressmen gathered in the caucus room of the old House of Representatives. Another demonstration was given at the Walter Reed Hospital.

Representatives of England, Canada and Japan, as well as medical organizations in the United States, attended the committee meeting.

An added and unscheduled feature of the trip was the talk the patients had en route to Washington with California's Governor Earl Warren, a fellow-passenger on the plane.

Commander T. J. Cauty, MC, USN, Officer in Charge of the amputee program, and a member of the Standing Committee on Artificial Limbs, and Mr. Charles C. Asbelle, Rehabilitation Specialist, accompanied the group.

Old Retired Master Sergeant: "Yep, I'm ninety-seven and I haven't got an enemy in the world."

Reportr: "Gee, Sarge, that's a beautiful thought."

O.R.M.S.: "Yep, son, they all died long ago."

Two Airmen met in front of the PX on a drizzling day.

"Say," said the first, "what's the idea of wearing my raincoat?"

"You wouldn't want your new blues to get wet, would you?" said the other.



Medical officers from Naval bases in the Bay area gathered Tuesday, 15 May, to hear a lecture by Dr. Karl Meyer, professor of experimental psychology at the University of California, on "Recent Advances in Preventive Medicine." Shown above, left to right, are: LTJG J. R. Kimmel, MC, USNR; CDR J. D. Langston, MC, USN; CAPT J. L. Zundell, MC, USN; LTJG G. A. Llewellyn, MCR, USNR; LCDR (W) C. E. Chapman, MC, USNR; CDR M. Kurzrok, MC, USN; CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, and CAPT A. R. Higgins, MC, USN, all of Oak Knoll; Dr. Meyer; CAPT Packard, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island; CAPT McDonald, MC, USN, Senior Medical Officer, Moffett Field; LT A. P. Spear, MC, USNR, and CDR R. S. Poos, MC, USN, both of Oak Knoll; CAPT Epstein, MC, USN, Senior Medical Officer, U. S. Naval Supply Depot, Oakland; LT J. H. Spence, MC, USN, and CAPT I. L. V. Norman, MC, USN, Oak Knoll.

First USO Shows of Korean War Are Now Overseas

New York (AFPS)—The first USO Camp Show Troupe since World War II has left Laguardia field on the first lap of a 52-day tour of the Pacific area.

The group will make appearances at various Pacific islands, in Japanese hospitals, and before troops and in hospitals in Korea. The unit is called Troupe 975 since the last unit to play during World War II under the USO banner was Troupe 974.

The eight-person group, which can be divided for hospital ward entertainment, will work for audiences as close to the front lines as possible. Featured in the troupe are an accordionist, a banjo player, a drummer,

two dancers, a songstress, a magician and a mistress of ceremonies.

Two other USO units are scheduled to go to the Pacific area soon, the earliest to leave about 2 July. The first of the "big name" stars scheduled to go out under the USO Camp Shows banner is Jack Benny, who will leave with a troupe of four in July.

Novato, Calif. (AFPS) — Citizens of this town were told they must conserve water this summer. The water shortage was brought about when heavy rains interrupted work on the town's new reservoir.



Ten young ladies who made up the station's most recent class in preparation of Navy Correspondence have completed five hours of intensive study and are now producing letters that comply in every detail with Navy correspondence practice. They are, left to right: Thelma R. Coyle and Dona M. Teir, Finance; Naomi R. Loofbourrow and Alice H. Kinkell, X-Ray; Bonnie M. Drum, Civilian Personnel; Instructor Maxine B. Ashley of the Civilian Personnel Office; Esther N. Arp, Lucille M. Evans, and Regina M. Stroop, Amputee Center; Hazel P. Miller, Surgical Ward, and Pat Seward, Civilian Personnel.

Chuckles

June — "What is juvenile delinquency?"

Jane — "Kids acting like their parents."

Prof.: "You certainly ask a lot of questions. I'd like to know what would have happened if I'd asked as many questions when I was a student."

Stu.: "Maybe you'd have been able to answer some of mine."

An engineer bought a bottle of bourbon. On his way across the street he was knocked down by a car. Picking himself up he started to walk away, when he felt something warm trickling down his pants leg. "Oh! Lord," he groaned, "I hope that's blood."

The dean of women of a large co-educational college recently announced to the student body: "The president of the college and I have decided to stop necking on the campus."

A guy with a hangover was leading an eight-legged dragon down the street on a leash. The creature kept stopping, and finally the exasperated owner jerked the leash and growled, "Come along, now, or I'll take an aspirin and you won't be here."

Retired Sgt.: "Daughter, that young soldier friend of yours stays too late when he calls. Hasn't your mother said anything to you about that?"

Daughter: "Yes, father — mother says the Army hasn't changed a bit."

Oak Knoll Patients Guests of Lake County



Just a few of the many highlights of the recent trip to Lake County are pictured here. (1) LTJG C. H. Wright, Medical Officer accompanying the group, raises the band of Col. Duffy, USMC, as the winner of the pie-eating contest, while Cpl Dom Canissario, USMC, cleans the chocolate cream off his hands. (2) Sgt Vic Beauchamp, USMC, talks a few things over with a pretty young Miss on the patio of the beautiful Supper Club, in Lucerne. (3) Cpl Archie Thurmond, USA, and Pfc Van Thompson, USMC, receive hearty welcomes from a group of people, including a young woman in a wheelchair, on the patio of the Supper Club. Even the dog population turned out to bid the guests welcome. (4) Sgt Vic Beauchamp directs the construction preparatory to the laying of the corner stone of his house, on the lot presented him by the residents of Lucerne. (5) M/Sgt L. J. Baker, USA, Rita J. Moore, HA, Hospital Wave, and Jim Slease, CD2, USN, admire a fine string of fish caught in Soda Bay. (6) There is always a way to provide transportation for Amputees as demonstrated here, when temporarily appointed Deputy Sheriff Van Thompson, and Pfc G. E. Rossen, USA, are given a lift up the hill to look at Vic Beauchamp's lot. (7) Pfc G. E. Rossen, USA, demonstrates that he needs no help in getting from the boat to the dock, especially when one has a pleasant week end to look forward to. (8) Just a sample of the chow served Sunday when the guests visited the lodge at Blue Lake. After the Oak Knoll patients finished with the layout, there was hardly a morsel to be found anywhere.

Fun, Food, and Frolic at Clear Lake Outing

Lake County does it again! Yes, the Chamber of Commerce of Lake County once again went all out to show the patients from Oak Knoll Hospital a spanking good time last week end. The first trip to Lake County, about a month ago, was sponsored by residents of Upper Lake, while the party last week was designed to show the Knollites what Lower Lake hospitality is like.

Beginning Friday, 11 May, the residents of Lower Lake crowded so much fun and activity, that very few of the guests even had a chance to get a full night's sleep. Festivities included dinner on Friday at Soda Bay, followed by a dance at Clearlake Highlands; and Saturday morning started off with a breakfast of ham, steak and eggs, hotcakes and all the trimmings at the Silver Log cafe. Guests were then taken to Lucerne, where a pie eating contest was held, and Cpl. L. A. Duffy, USMC, of Ward 42A was proclaimed the winner.

One of the highlights of the entire week end was when the people of Lucerne presented Sgt. V. P. Beauchamp, USMC, with a beautiful tract of ground, on which to build his house. The lot is located just east of Lucerne in the foothills, and commands an exceptional view of Clear Lake. The deed to the lot, title clear, was presented to Vic at lunch on Saturday.

A couple of hours in the afternoon were devoted to sleep before activities were resumed. Saturday night featured dinner at the Dream Castle in Clear Lake Highlands, and a dance followed.

Sunday activities included breakfast at Speigler Springs, and Lunch at Blue Lakes Lodge, where the guests stayed until it was time to board the Mars and fly back to Oakland.

1800 on Sunday afternoon saw a busload of thirty Oak Knoll patients coming in the Main gate, very tired, but very happy, at having had a very wonderful week end as the guests of the very wonderful residents of Lake County.

Army Issues Call For Reserve Medics

Washington (AFPS) — The Army plans soon to order 105 additional medical officers of the Army Medical Service Reserve to active duty. They are in Priority I as established by Public Law 799 of the 81st Congress.

Officers called will be given at least 30 days in which to close out personal and business affairs.

This will be the third group of medical officers called to duty with the Army since December. In all, since the beginning of the Korean fighting, a total of 2,304 Medical Corps Reserve Officers have been issued orders to active duty.

Quick Quips: Many men who thought they had a girl on the string find out too late they have hold of the end with a hook . . . Marriage has dulled many a gay blade . . . Discretion is when you are sure you are right and then ask your wife.

Sign in a women's apparel store: "Our bras are like our soldiers—on many fronts."



Sgt. Victor Beauchamp, USMC, (center) patient on Ward 42A at Oak Knoll is shown receiving the deed to the lot he won while on the outing sponsored by the Lake County Chamber of Commerce last week end. Realtor Steve York, of Lucerne, is handing the deed to Sgt. Beauchamp as Tommy Thompson, (left) president of the Lake County Chamber of Commerce, looks on. The lot is in the township of Lucerne and overlooks Clear Lake from the top of a knoll.



The only dismal note to the trip to Lakeport last week end, came when a small private plane crashed on the runway at Paul Hoeberg's airport, just a quarter of a mile below Seigler Springs, where the patients were visiting.

A few of the guests were standing on the edge of the swimming pool watching the plane take off, when just as the plane was airborne, it was caught in a cross-wind, and spun to the ground. LTJG C. H. Wright, Medical Officer in charge of the group, was notified immediately, and first aid was administered to the crash victims within a few seconds after the plane hit the ground. Credited with giving the victims important emergency first aid were Dr. Wright, Rita J. Moore, HA, hospital Wave, and R. E. Rampton, HMI.

3 Knoll Patients To Be Grand Marshals

Two Oak Knoll patients will serve as Grand Marshals in special celebrations this week end.

Sgt Jack Macy, USMC, already famous in this area as one of the most highly decorated Marines, will be Grand Marshal for the Regatta Days Celebration, in Oroville, California. He will not only judge the yacht races, but will also judge the beauty contest.

Cpl Michael Ropczycki, USA, will be Parade Marshal at the Parade and Rodeo at Hayward this week end. He will lead the parade this morning, and then preside at the rodeo to be held at Rowell's ranch this afternoon.

Also slated to be Grand Marshal for a parade, this one in his own

honor, is Cpl Jack Griffith, USMC, who will fly to his home in Meridian, Mississippi, today for a thirty-day leave. On 26 May, he will be honored at "Jack Griffith Day" in Meridian.

Woman Patient: "Will my false teeth look natural?"

Dentist: "Yes, indeed, madam, I make them so natural they ache!"

An amusing sight is an absent-minded nudist striking a match!

Susan married a fickle man
And she is sure to learn it,
Because his head is like a knob
And any girl can turn it.

Some WW II veterans have decided how they are going to spend their insurance dividends. Others are married.

Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll's Personnel Offices were busy as usual during the week beginning 8 May, as forty-four new staff members reported aboard and twenty-eight were detached.

Reporting aboard were LCDR W. S. Striker, to duty from patient status; LT M. E. Kelly, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md.; ENS E. M. Smith, from Moffett Field, Calif.; ENS C. K. Ottesen, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill.; LTJG R. G. Woffinden, from Squadron Eleven; LT M. J. Doyle, from Monterey, Calif.; ENS M. A. Gros, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill.; LTJG G. M. Anderson, from inactive duty; LTJG A. M. Kumtar, from inactive duty;

HA's H. K. Clemence, J. Fanjul, J. E. Howard, J. H. Huff, R. C. Jenkins, C. H. Johnson, W. H. Jones, D. Lee, G. E. Lyons and M. Vilchez, from Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif.;

HM1's C. G. Vance, E. E. Walker, H. Thompson; DTG1 R. F. Digeneo; HM2's T. R. Newsome, R. O. Paddock, W. Stewart, H. E. Mabie, A. J. Southwick, L. K. Taylor; HM3's P. M. Felin, W. W. Stites, R. Anderson, R. A. Runner, R. J. Ruegg, E. D. Sidener, G. D. Stephens, G. L. Speidel, J. Y. Stelling, F. O. Timmerman, W. F. Trout, J. B. Vaughan, L. G. Tafoya, and HN's J. L. Coombs and J. D. Thompson, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.

Detached were WOHC W. J. Powner, to Pac Res Fleet; LTJG A. T. Ooghe, to MCAS, El Torro, Calif.; HMC's S. E. Harold, to USNAS, Wadsworth Island, Wash.; E. H. Wells, to COM 12, and R. Lyons, to USN NET Depot, Tiburon, Calif.;

HM1's L. D. Magorman, to Camp Pendleton, Calif.; R. V. Larson and G. Chambless, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif., FFT; and B. G. Innes, to U. S. Navy Officers Candidate School, Newport, R. I.;

HM2 H. L. Milner; HM3's R. E. Dodge, J. R. Giles, A. D. Hodges, R. J. Kibby, J. D. McOmie, R. J. Welch, and HN's A. G. Martin and N. F. St. Pierre, to U. S. Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; HM2's V. J. La Grasse, C. D. Parker, W. H. Bennett, R. A. Bridge, HM3 H. W. Doyle, to USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif., FFT; DT2 L. D. Schneider, to USNS, Adak, Alaska; HN's L. J. Chapman, L. K. Owens and G. L. Robinson, to U. S. Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; and HN G. A. Quint, to C.G. Air FMF PAC, El Torro, Calif.

Knoxville, Tenn. (AFPS) — Frank Lee Allen pleaded guilty to check-forging charges, but the judge dismissed the case. Allen can't write.

Salt Lake City (AFPS)—Sign in a local department store: "Visit our second floor bargain basement."

Memphis, Tenn. (AFPS) — John Webb and George Rusing, inmates of the County Prison Farm, turned the Farm's bloodhounds loose, then they fled in the opposite direction.

Provo, Utah (AFPS)—Sign in the window of a local beauty salon: "We can give you the new look if you have the old parts."

Buffalo (AFPS)—Noted in a letter being read by the prison censor: "Honey, I'm writing this slow because I know you can't read fast."



The A Cappella Choir of Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, entertained a small but highly appreciative audience last week in the Hospital auditorium. Director of the Choir is Newell B. Waite. The choral group was on a week's tour during which it appeared in a number of California cities, including Oakland, Berkeley, Fresno, and Stockton. While here the noted University chorus sang several Hebrew songs, "Sh'ma Yisroel" and "V'Shomro," and "O Radiant Glory," "There Is a Ladye," "The Milk Maid," "The Spirit Flower," "Big Brown Bears," "Staccato Etude in C Major," Verdi's "Quartet from Rigoletto," "Jig for Voices," "All the Pretty Little Horses," "Ballad of Brotherhood," "Go, Lovely Rose," and "St. Francis' Prayer."

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

7 May

TRUAX, Michael James, to wife of Ernest Truax, LTJG, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
BEARD, Dennis Vaughan, to wife of Vaughan Beard, AD1, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
CASHWELL, Boy, to wife of Howard Cashwell, RM3, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
DICKSON, Girl, to wife of Edward Dickson, LCDR, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
STERMERICH, Boy, to wife of Robert P. Stermerich, S/Sgt, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
ALLEN, Girl, to wife of Alan Allen, Pfc, 7 pounds.
DUNHAM, Boy, to wife of Royal Dunham, SK2, 9 pounds.
GUCKER, Boy, to wife of Albert Gucker, RDSN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
BROWN, Girl, to wife of Stanton Brown, OM2, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
DADO, Boy, to wife of Dudley Dado, GM2, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

8 May

COOK, Carolyn, to wife of Rodger Cook, LT, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
NELSON, Randall Allen, to wife of Donald Nelson, YN1, 9 pounds, 6 ounces.
TAYLOR, Rodger Brad, to wife of Earl Taylor, SN, 10 pounds, 2 ounces.
PUCKETT, Nancy Ann, to wife of Perry Puckett, Pvt, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
AVILA, William Steven, to wife of Frank Avila, Jr., CK2, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
AVERY, Therese Ann, to wife of Calvin Avery, SN, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
VERNON, Sherry Lee, to wife of Robert Vernon, FN, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
WARD, Tobie Diane, to wife of Orren Ward, SKGC, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

9 May

CHURCH, Kathy Monica, to wife of Joseph Church, HM2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
RICHARDS, John Alvin, to wife of Alvin Richards, AG3, 8 pounds.
WALKER, David Harold, to wife of Hiram Walker, SN, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
HARRIS, Girl, to wife of Jesse Harris, OMS3, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
O'CONNOR, James Robert, to wife of Robert O'Connor, ET1, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
BREWER, Barbara Bernice, to wife of Matthew Brewer, ME3, 6 pounds.
THORNBERRY, Joseph Harry III, to wife of Joseph Thornberry, Jr., 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
YARBROUGH, William Russell, Jr., to wife of William Yarbrough, ADC, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
DRISKELL, Boy, to wife of Charles Driskell, TN, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
DOLAN, Jack James II, to wife of Jack J. Dolan, AMC, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.
QUINLAN, Patricia Jean, to wife of Eugene Quinlan, AO2, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

10 May

WILLWERTH, Patricia Ann, to wife of John Willwerth, MEW2, 7 pounds.
KWIATOWSKI, Michael Norman, to wife of Norman Kwiatowski, CS2, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
PICKETT, Christie Lee, to wife of James Pickett, AN, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
TOOLE, Christopher Lee, to wife of Warren Toole, LTJG, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.
VAN GOEY, Charles Joseph, to wife of Charles Van Goey, EMP2, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
WILSON, Wanda Rene, to wife of Brison Wilson, HMC, 8 pounds.
CROSBY, James Earl, to wife of Lonell Crosby, OM2, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
MARTIN, Karen Jean, to wife of Forrest Martin, SO3, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
JOHN, Evan Lloyd Thomas, to wife of Evan John, YNC, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
SENSTAD, Karen Jo, to wife of Paul Senstad, LTJG, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
MELTON, Stephen Patrick, to wife of Frank Melton, ENS, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
HANSON, Brian Lee, to wife of Burt Hansen, AKA, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

11 May

TRICKETT, Sharon Marie, to wife of Paul Trickett, FN, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Bond Representatives Named at Hospital

Savings Bond representatives have just been appointed for major units of the Hospital in accordance with a recent memorandum issued by CAPT I. L. V. Norman, MC, USN, executive officer at Oak Knoll, on the Savings Bond program for civilian employees here.

This program has been established in order to facilitate the purchase of bonds by the civilian employees at the Hospital. It is pointed out by the memo that the buying of U. S. Savings Bonds is good both for the individual and for the financial stability of the country, and that Savings Bonds bought through regular, automatic pay check reservations is one of the easiest and best methods of saving.

The Savings Bond representative in each organizational unit has pledge cards and information to help all civilian employees make savings through bond purchases.

Savings Bond representatives are Benjamin Nelson, Maintenance Division (Fire Department Branch); Bess Krahulik, Disbursing Division; Bernadette Malerich, Finance Division (Laundry Branch); Anna Stone, Dependents' Service Clinic; Jeannette Ramirez, Personnel and Records Division; Eva Premo, Nursing Service (Nurses' Quarters); Madelon Drum, Civilian Personnel Branch; Fred Robinson, Maintenance Division (Shops); Harold Hitz, Finance Division; Gus Matalas, Maintenance Division (Transportation Branch); Esther Arp, Amputee Department; Ralph Thomas, Daniel Ross, and Benjamin Walker, Commissary Department; Anne Koughan and Zoe Williams, Nursing Service (Dependents' Service Branch); Leonard Linse HMC, Office of Administrative Assistant; Minnie Jack, Medical Service; Avis Campbell, Security Division; Amelia Kosach, Surgical Service; and Marjorie Cannell, Psychiatric Service.

LUGO, Elizabeth Mary, to wife of William Lugo, AK1, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
MIKULA, Stephen, to wife of Edmund Mikula, EM3, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
COLLINS, Judy Lee, to wife of Hilbert Collins, AM3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
DURRANCE, Sandra Lee, to wife of James Durrance, Pfc, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
PRATHER, Patricia Ann, to wife of Floyd Prather, RM2, 7 pounds.
NEWMAN, Mark Warren, to wife of Dwight Newman, LT, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.
CLARK, Mary Elizabeth, to wife of William Clark, HN, 6 pounds.

Chiefs' Wives to Sponsor Carnival And Dance at C.P.O. Club

"Come in—Come ovah, see the one, the only, the eighth wondah of the world. The cost is only one thin dime—the tenth paht of a dollah"—will be the familiar cries in the C.P.O. Club on Saturday, 26 May. The gala event is to be the Big Carnival, sponsored by the C.P.O. Wives club, complete with prizes, surprises, barkers and all.

The Midway will open at 2100 sharp and everything that goes to make a carnival will be there.

Things to eat, things to try your skill at, games to play, the unusual and startling—all will be brought out for the big fling.

On hand to provide music for the affair will be a big favorite of the C.P.O. club—Frankie Pro and his orchestra.

Staff Personalities

The smile flashed here by Lawrence V. Brown, HM2, belies the responsibility he bears as Safety Inspector in Oak Knoll's Public Works office.

Brown's job consists of applying to the Bureau of Employee Compensation for the compensation of civilian persons injured on their jobs. He is also supervisor of safety maintenance.

Called back to active duty 18 September 1950, Brown left his wife and two small daughters at his home town of Salinas. He plans to renew his job there in the credit department of a private firm when he is returned to inactive duty.



"A little bit of everything" is the way J. A. Turner, Oak Knoll electrical maintenance man, describes what he does each day at his job in the Public Works office. He is shown here putting a starter switch on a small refrigerator motor.

Turner has worked at Oak Knoll since August 1944, when he transferred here from Mare Island where he had been employed for more than three years on fire control apparatus on various types of ships.

Married and a resident of Oakland, Turner has a 17-year-old daughter in high school. His free time is taken up largely with working in his garden and fishing. He usually spends his vacations in Oregon trying to catch the elusive trout, or down Santa Cruz way deep sea fishing.

Hell, Mich. (AFPS) — Thermometers in Hell registered 5 below zero while, 300 miles north, Paradise, recorded 19 degrees below zero.

Have you heard the one about the dead dachshund? He met his end going around a tree!

After trying on a rackful of dresses the hard-to-please customer complained, "I don't like these clinging type styles, miss. I think I'd feel better in something flowing."

"Yes, Madam," agreed the exhausted saleswoman. "The river is just two blocks north of here."



Walter Squires, HMI, left, and Robert Lent, HM2, who aid the Oak Knoll Chaplains' Corps, look over the record of Navy Relief work done through the Chaplains' Office at this station. The Annual Navy Relief Drive reaches a climax on 31 May and 1 and 2 June at the carnival to be held at Alameda Naval Air Station.

Alameda Is Host For Navy Relief

The opportunity of the half-century! A chance to help out some Navy friend and at the same time let yourself in for a good time, good food and good entertainment and the chance to win one of more than 100 prizes.

That about sums up the carnival to be held 31 May and 1 and 2 June at Alameda Naval Air Station to climax the annual Navy Relief Fund Drive, started two weeks ago and ending 2 June.

Just as a sample of what Navy Relief does, at this station alone, since the last Drive, loans have been made to 800 persons for a total in Navy Relief funds of \$32,412. In addition, Navy Relief has paid hospital bills amounting to \$2,770.15 for dependents.

Only solicitation of the Drive is the sale of \$1.00 tickets. These tickets give the owner a chance on the two big prizes, a new Buick Sedan and a Dodge Convertible, and an opportunity to win any of the other prizes, including such items as a deep freeze, a television set, refrigerator, or a three-unit washer, dryer and ironer. There are plenty of tickets still available and it is not necessary to be present to win one of the prizes.

Every kind of booth that can be expected at the best of carnivals will be open and ready for business on 31 May at Alameda. Food, games of skill, entertainment, all of the things that go to make up a carnival will be there.

Oak Knoll's contribution will be a Ham and Bacon Booth to be operated by station personnel. In addition, other Naval activities in the area will be represented.

Termed "a double-headed value," the carnival offers an opportunity of spending some money for a worthy cause by treating yourself to a chance to win a big prize.

Cleveland (AFPS)—Sixteen-year-old Bobbie Lee Robinson was awarded a divorce when she told the court the only home her husband provided her was his automobile.

Paralyzed Vet Hears Own Work

A recent United Press report tells the story of a paralyzed Navy veteran who sat in a wheel chair in Symphony Hall, and listened to the Boston Pops Orchestra play an original composition which he pecked out on a piano with one finger.

The veteran, Robert Grant, Jr., a victim of multiple sclerosis, the disease that killed Lou Gehrig of the New York Yankees, loved music but never thought of composing.

A Red Cross Gray Lady at the Cushing Veterans Hospital learned he had written a poem entitled "Evening Prayer" and encouraged him to try to put it to music. Though Grant knew nothing about composition, he had plenty of time, and he pecked away at the piano until he had a melody to fit the words.

Arthur Fiedler, conductor of the Pops Orchestra, heard about the song, visited Grant, and listened to his music. Then he sent his own arranger to the hospital to make a full orchestration.

The finished work was presented at Symphony Hall and Grant was so happy that Fiedler said, "I wouldn't be surprised if he stood up and took a bow."

Hi-Lites

Glasgow, Mont. (AFPS)—Wesley Firemoon was booked on an intoxication charge after telling officers "I dimmed mine, but that other fellow didn't dim his." His car had crashed through a road railing in broad daylight.

Detroit (AFPS)—Mrs. Elaine House was granted a divorce when she told the court she learned her husband was trying to get money from a loan company to cover her funeral expenses.

Wethersfield, Conn. (AFPS)—The warden of the state prison, realizing the increase in the cost of living, has requested prisoners' daily salaries be raised from 15 cents to 25 cents.

Troy, N.Y. (AFPS)—The rural correspondent for a local newspaper sent the following note instead of his usual copy: "After about a week with the flu, I don't really care if someone murdered his grandmother."



The Ship's Crew's library was enriched this week by a gift of books and magazine subscriptions worth \$82.00, as the auxiliary of the Knights of Pythias, the Nomads of Avruduka, California Smitha No. 5 made the donation. Pictured above are, left to right: Mrs. Ken Brennemen, Mrs. Frank Jenkins, and Mrs. Dallas Shirmer, members of the order who made the donation. At the extreme right is Frank M. Campbell, HMI, of the library, who received the donation for the hospital.

Scuttlebutt

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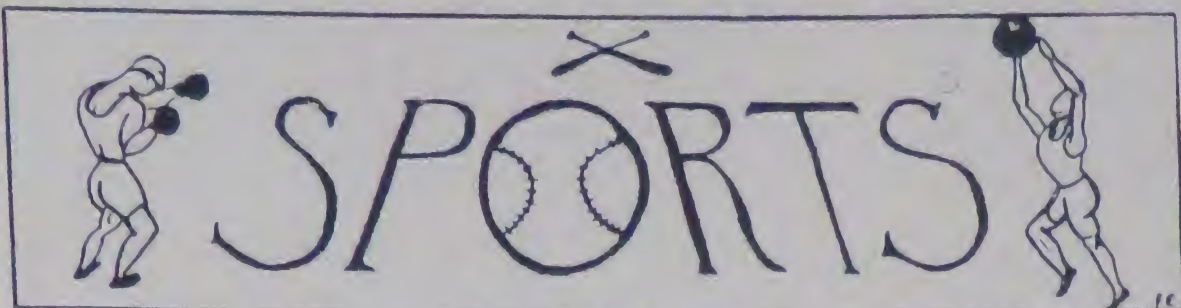
DISHING THE DIRT: Those three salts, Marini, Hill and Zeigler, are sporting healthy looking tans as a result of a week end at Yosemite—MAA Nelson took his accumulation of confiscated articles down to the Dempster Dumpster and smashed bottle after bottle of "Spiritus frumenti" while Lizzie Tom sat by and drooled—If Lu Moore isn't in gay Hawaii by June, she's going to lose 100 smackers. She's anxious to see how she'll look in a grass camisole—Hughes McBrearity just returned from a month's leave on the austere shores of Maine, and you've never seen anyone happier to return to sunny California. Just what do you have stashed away here, kid?—Kansas' gift to jurisprudence, Tom Raum, says California is a wonderful place to live if you happen to be an orange. (He's not one.)—Gaping at a movie star Kirk Douglas at the premiere of THE SQUARE NEEDLE was little Ray Babin—Betty Wimsby, Claire Martini and Isabel Ramirez spent two weeks South of the Border visiting Old Mexico. Betty

brought back some suntan. Claire, some night club pallor and lots of attractive gifts. Isabel isn't talking, and that makes us very suspicious—The Oak Leaf blossoms out with a new editor this week. Bob Rampton, a Utah lad, will henceforth guide the destiny of the "Biggest Little Weekly in the West"—Al Zamsky may be a swimming Champ, but mention Underwater Demolition Teams to him and watch him shudder—Side by side in the Ad Building are two little doors; one is marked "Ladies" and the other "Women." Who uses which?—Fabulous Lou Ann Hird can afford to lose at "Honest John." (Strictly a local game) After all, she has two convertibles—Raven-haired Madeline Martin thought her hubby had been working too hard; so she took him down south: Mexico, Catalina, Los Angeles. She came back loaded with new clothes, and he came back with an empty wallet.—Munching popcorn and washing it down with cold beer at the Shrine Circus was Staff Personnel's Gordon Doliver—There will soon be a merger between disbursing and the Upholstery Shop. Disbursing's Lillian Le Viera will wed the Upholstery Shop's Dubois in Reno. Isn't that where you shed mates instead of taking them on?—Several belles I know received Mother's Day cards, but refused to acknowledge them—Marie Canning has had a mournful face ever since Lou Freeze left—Bob Pickell is getting browned by the Sun. Now that he's on nights he spends all day outdoors—The "Firefly" was the scene of lots of farewell parties last week—Sadie Shilts, the R.O.'s "Interpreter" is off on a two-month leave—Harold Mabie, who spends his time pounding out health records, gives the crowd a charge with his "Mabie yes, mabie no"—On 10 May, at 0417, Chief Wilson heard the first cries of his new-born daughter. They say he needed more medical attention than did Mrs. Wilson.



... "Morning Chief" ...

Telephone, Tex. (AFPS) — This town, named after the miracle of voice transmission, is soon to have its first telephones installed.



Knoll Baseballers Lose to SF Marines

Oak Knoll's baseball team fell prey to the big bats and five-hit pitching stint of San Francisco Marines' Arbour and went down by a score of 9-4 in a game played Tuesday.

Arbour scattered the five hits by the Oak Knoll nine, while his teammates were garnering 12 hits, including a double by Lucas and a single by Thompson in the Marines' big Fourth inning when three of their runs were scored.

Play in the field was not perfect for either team, with Oak Knoll marking up four bobbles, compared to three for the San Franciscans.

Jellich was the big stick for the Oak Knollites, as he banged out two hits, one a booming triple, to gain credit for nearly half of the hits garnered by the Hospital team.

Bournellis, who last week put down McClelland Air Force base with seven hits, went the route on the mound for the Oak Knoll team.

Thursday the Knollites had a chance to get back into the win column when they played host to the Moffett Field Airdales.

On Tuesday of next week the Hospital team will be pitted against the NAS Alameda baseballers in a game at Alameda.

Next-of-Kin to Make Pilgrimage to Europe

New York (AFPS)—Plans were initiated here recently for a pilgrimage to England of next-of-kin of World War II dead who were based in the British Isles.

The proposed pilgrimage would take place this summer when General Dwight D. Eisenhower will present a Roll of Honor listing some 28,000 Americans.

Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman, also interested in the project, has requested veterans' organizations to help in communicating with next-of-kin who might be interested in making the journey.

High point of the ceremonies will occur on July 4, when General Eisenhower presents the Roll of Honor, a beautifully engraved and illuminated book, with the King and Queen and other high dignitaries in attendance.

A college education is what enables a fellow to get a job as secretary to a man who never went to school at all.

Top Three Still Lead Keg Tourney

Leaders in the Oak Knoll bowling league kept their top spots in keg action during the past week as they came out winners in contests with teams farther down the league scale.

Still on top after the games for Tuesday, 15 May, was the Night Crew team, which added four more wins to make its record for the season 19 wins in 24 games, for a hefty average of .750. Not to be left behind, the second place Physio Therapy team copped three games Thursday night to give them a season record of 26 games won of 35 played, or an average of .742.

The third place MAA team also was a winner last week when it was scheduled to play the Commissary team, which has dropped from the league. The forfeit points boost the MAA's to an average of .718.

In another game played Tuesday the record office took four wins from the Women Dependents' team.

Set to go Thursday night were the Artificial Limb group against X-Ray; the C.P.O.'s versus N.P. and the Record Office against Commissary.

Next Tuesday the MAA's will play the X-Ray team; the Nurses meet the N.P. outfit, and Physio Therapy plays Night Crew.

Officers Down N.P. Team in Softball

The Officers Inter-Hospital Softball League team continued its winning ways as the league entered its third week by downing the N.P. department team by a 10-0 margin on Monday, 14 May.

In other games during the past week the Ward Corpsmen won an easy one from the Independents for a forfeit on 10 May and the Laboratory team out-scored the Civil Service Girls, 15-11, on Tuesday, 15 May.

On the schedule for the rest of the week, the Ward Corpsmen were set to go against the Chiefs on Wednesday, and on Thursday the Independents will face the team from Surgery 2.

In Varsity softball, the Oak Knoll team was scheduled for a home-grounds match with ACM on Wednesday.

Thursday the Oak Knoll Nurses' softball team faced a Women's Armed Services League team from Fort Mason.



Private Edward J. Mitchell, left, and Sergeant Johnny J. Martin, USMC, try out the Oak Knoll bowling alleys after bowling on the best of the land in the White House in Washington, D. C. The two amputees were in Washington last week to demonstrate their ability with the artificial limbs before the National Research Council's Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs. Two other U. S. Marine amputees, Private Kenneth F. McGuire and Private Frank Whorley, also made the trip to Washington. The four Marines are Korean battle casualties.

Oak Knoll Tennis Team Meets Moffett

Tennis stepped into the sports spotlight at Oak Knoll during the past week as first-round play got under way in the intra-hospital singles tourney and pairings were completed and play scheduled to begin in the doubles tourney.

First round winners in singles play found CDR Kurzrok over Behing; Dr. Ignatius over Randall; CDR Hicks over Brishnan; Ash over CAPT Zikmund, and Fichter over Irvine.

Other first-round games have not yet been completed.

Meanwhile, on Friday, 11 May, play began in the 12th Naval District Tennis League play, with the Oak Knoll varsity tennis team meeting Moffett Field on Wednesday.

To show that the sports field is not the exclusive property of the males, a call has gone out at Oak Knoll for any women interested in a women's intra-hospital singles or doubles tennis tourney.

Anyone interested has been asked to contact W. V. Johnson at the Welfare and Recreation office. Civilian women employed at the Hospital would be eligible to enter either of the tournaments, Johnson said.

Providence, R. I. (AFPS)—Workers at a local laundry were astounded when a cat jumped from a bag collected by one of the pick-up trucks.

Union, N. J. (AFPS)—Seven men were fined \$1 each for parking their cars without lights. The seven were volunteer firemen fighting a fire.

Korean Vets Eligible For VA Medical Care

Washington (AFPS) — Congress has originated and rushed to passage a law giving veterans of the Korean operation the same medical and pension benefits accorded to veterans of other wars.

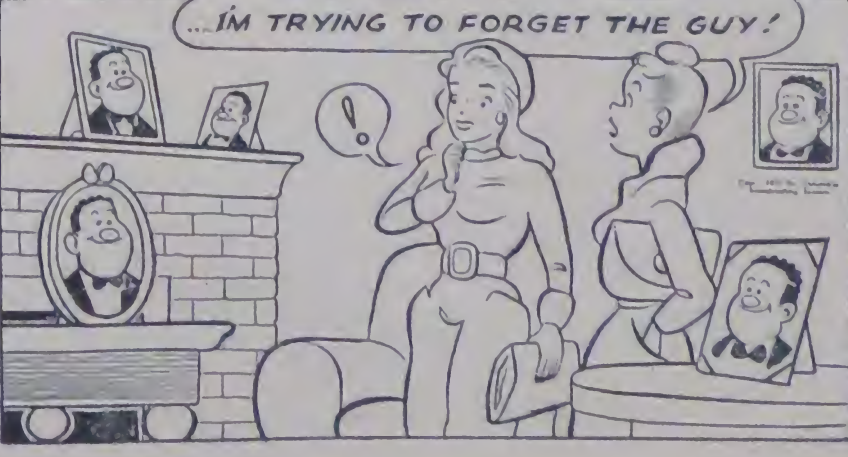
The hasty Congressional action followed denial of hospitalization in an Arizona Veterans Administration hospital to a Korean veteran on the ground that no war had been declared in Korea.

The new law provides the following benefits for veterans of the Korean fighting:

1. Medical, hospital and housing privileges.
2. Burial benefits.
3. Compensation and pensions for veterans and their dependents.

My brother and his girl like to drink. They're going unsteady together.

MY FRIEND IRMA



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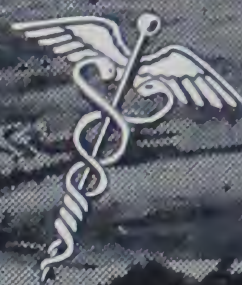
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Handsome Cpl. George Hayes, USMC, has reason to smile. In spite of the fact that a bullet from a Red machine gun pierced his head, Cpl. Hayes is alive and happy today. The bullet entered his head at the back of his neck and came out between his eyes. The only ill effects are two scars and a hole in the roof of his mouth.

CPL Hayes Termed A Lucky Marine

Cpl. George A. Hayes, USMC, patient on 46A, was shot between the eyes, backwards, and lived to tell about it.

Hayes was wounded while with the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, about 40 miles north of Pohang, Korea, on 26 January. His unit was dug in on the top of a hill and were firing at Reds who were across the valley on the side of another hill.

Hayes went down in the valley between the hills to bring out some American wounded, and while climbing back up the side of the hill, he and five others were hit by a Red machine-gun burst.

The bullet that hit Hayes struck him low in the back of the neck, slightly on the left side; continued on forward and upward, piercing the roof of his mouth, and came out smack between his eyes.

Only effects Hayes shows now is a scar on his neck, another between his eyes, and a small hole in the roof of his mouth. The scar between his eyes will be corrected by plastic surgery and a bone graft.

Hayes said one doctor stated it was technically impossible for a bullet to follow that course without some nerve involvement.

"But I'm just lucky I guess," Hayes says.

First NP Class To Be Graduated

Graduation exercises for the first class to complete Neuro-Psychiatric Technicians school at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital will be held 8 June in the Environmental Sanitation school classroom.

Eighteen men will have successfully completed the course and are scheduled to receive their Technician certificates at the exercises.

Eighteen to Graduate

The graduates are J. J. Favatella, HA; C. J. Ambacher, HA; C. A. Barger, HA; R. L. Cahoon, HN; P. H. Daniel, HN; D. M. Hardy, HN; M. A. Kenney, HA; R. W. King, HA; R. N. Low, HN; P. E. Masterson, HA; O. E. McGuire, HA; R. L. McCuen, HN; C. L. Payne, HN; D. E. Porter, HA; D. L. Sears, HA; V. R. Sells, HN; R. D. Urbach, HA, and R. V. Woods, HA.

At the graduation ceremonies the welcome will be given by CDR John F. McMullin, MC, USN, Chief of the Neuropsychiatry Service at Oak Knoll Hospital.

Following the presentation of certificates, a reception will be held in the Environmental Sanitation school classroom for the graduates and their guests.

CDR Kahn in Charge

CDR Bernard I. Kahn, MC, USN, is Officer in Charge of the Oak Knoll Neuropsychiatric school, and he is assisted by Miss Mary L. Welter. The N.P. school course at Oak Knoll lasts 16 weeks.

Meanwhile, two other staff members at Oak Knoll also completed a technicians course this week.

S. J. Boles, HN, and J. A. Sanchez, HN, have completed a six-month course at this hospital for Urology Technicians.

Dr. Cuttle Addresses Med School Seniors

Medical college seniors in universities in California and surrounding states are being told of the training program available to them in the Navy Medical Corps.

CDR Tracy D. Cuttle, MC, USN, who is in charge of Sick Officers' Quarters, Friday, 25 May, addressed the senior medical class at Stanford University. Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, 22 May, Commander Cuttle went to Salt Lake City to speak to senior medical students at the University of Utah.

Previously he had addressed students at the University of California in Berkeley.



RADM S. W. Salisbury, USN, Navy Chief of Chaplains, visited Oak Knoll hospital last Friday. He is shown here with CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, USN, Commanding Officer. Admiral Salisbury stopped at Oak Knoll while attending a meeting of Chaplains in San Francisco last week. Admiral Salisbury conferred with the four members of the Chaplain Corps at Oak Knoll during his visit to the hospital.

Light Housekeeping, or Club Gets the Bird(s)



After investigating housing possibilities here, the mother of these young sparrows chose a building site on the top of a wrought-iron light fixture outside the Officers' Club auditorium, built a nest, laid two eggs, hatched them. The fledglings are twice this size today, and photographers who snapped them last Saturday under considerable maternal protest predict the new home will be vacated before another Oak Leaf is out. That's life in sparrow circles.

SEC NAV Gives Patients Awards

A Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart were presented to Oak Knoll patients by the Secretary of the Navy, Francis B. Matthews, in ceremonies at the Presidio last Sunday.

LT Byron L. Magness, USMC, received the Silver Star "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with a Marine infantry company in Korea on 28 November, 1950." His citation further states that "When he was ordered to attack, he unhesitatingly and skillfully deployed his platoon despite darkness and unfamiliar terrain, on the enemy's right flank and personally led the assault against enemy positions on high ground . . . His initiative, brilliant leadership and aggressiveness were an inspiration to all who observed him."

Sergeants Lawrence J. Baker, USA, and John N. Sjursen, USMC, were the recipients of the Bronze Stars.

"On 7 August, 1950, Sergeant Baker's platoon was in direct support of the lead rifle company in the vicinity of Chungnam-ni, Korea, when an enemy force of approximately thirty men attempted to flank the company and attack from the rear . . . Sergeant Baker organized a portion of his platoon into an as-

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

On this 30th day of May the soul-stirring sound of taps wil' echo its call from Arlington cemetery to the newly-turned cemeteries of far off Korea. Again it becomes our sacred privilege and duty to approach the graves of our fallen heroes, there to pull away the moss of our neglect and forgetfulness; there to chisel upon our own hearts the glory of these men even more permanently than it is carved on the crosses which stand over their noble heads.

Today we decorate their tombs with garlands of gratitude; we march in memory of the men who march no more; we honor them with the flag for which they died. We extol in song and speech their sacrifice for us; we pray God to grant their souls eternal light and peace. We try in every way to keep fresh the memory of those who died for our country, who died for you and for me. This is a pious and patriotic duty. Neither neglect nor the travelling of time can lead us or any coming generation into forgetting, as a people, the cost of our free and undivided republic—America.

Although there are many Americans who little appreciate the significance of Memorial Day, it is nevertheless a holy and hopeful sign that our nation cherishes the memory of her sons from whose blood she derives her own greatness. Reverence for the heroic dead is one of the strongest stones in the foundation of any nation, for it brings to the living the determination to preserve the ideals these heroes died to maintain.

This Day is more than a day of tribute to the dead; it is a day of dedication for the living. If they could die for God and country, surely we can live for the same. If they could make the supreme sacrifice, you and I can make similar sacrifices for the same ideal.

For these then who have given us this determination and inspiration we pray. Be mindful also, O Lord, of thy servants who have gone before us with the sign of faith and who sleep the sleep of peace. To these, O Lord, and to all who rest in Christ, grant, we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, light and peace. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

CORNELIUS J. GRIFFIN, LTJG,
Catholic Chaplain

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100
FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY
1930 — In Chaplains' Office — Ward 40A

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASSES
0630 — 0900 — 1215
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Confessions before Mass
NOVENA DEVOTIONS AND
CHOIR PRACTICE:
TUESDAY 1900
Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
CHAPEL & 40A
NAVY RELIEF OFFICE — 40A

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 1000
in Staff Conference Room,
Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called
upon request

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SEC NAV Mathews Decorates Patients

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sault force, obtained a .50 calibre machine gun, and though under fire, moved the group to the top of a nearby ridge from which point he directed withering fire on the enemy force, causing them to withdraw."

Sgt. Sjursen received his award "For heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy while serving with a Marine infantry company in Korea on 2 October, 1950 . . . By his courageous actions the front lines were materially aided in regaining the fire superiority and successfully continuing the company's assigned mission."

Sergeant Donald R. Fish, USMC, was given the Purple Heart for a chest wound received while he was serving with the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, near Chonjin, Korea, on 15 March, 1951.

Red Cross Ramblings



Patients at Oak Knoll have been making recordings on the new Wilson-Gay recording machine donated by the Olympic Club of San Francisco. Since Mrs. A. W. Gruss, chairman of the club's Women's Golf Section, brought the recorder to the hospital recently, it has been in almost constant use. The men on Ward 46B tried "The Man on the Street" as their first attempt. It was such a success that musical talent was initiated on the next recording, and a melodrama was written and recorded with a musical background. Shown above gathered around the piano and recorder are, left to right: Cpl. Raymond W. Cybulski, USMC; Jose Acosta, TN, USN, guitarist; Miss Burnette Thompson, Red Cross Recreation Worker; Cpl. George Hayes, USMC; Sgt. Clifford Blakeley, the interviewer; Sgt. Jack Griffith, USMC. Seated at the piano is Al Gaddini, HN, corpsman on Ward 46B.

SUMMER IS HERE! ! !

Signs of the times at the U.S. Naval Hospital will be well demonstrated next Monday evening at the Red Cross Lounge (Building 32) when members of four outstanding sportsmen's groups will demonstrate and display the latest tips on local hunting and fishing as well as displaying the fine equipment one can use. Good spring weather is stirring the blood of more and more patients who can get off the compound — especially for fishing!!

HEY! HEY! SWING YOUR PARTNERS

Have you ever attended a Barn Dance? Anyone who was at the Red Cross Lounge on Friday knows what real fun is. Plenty of partners for everyone resulted in something more than just a real old-fashioned hoe down. There was dancing galore of all types. The lounge was decorated with all the "fixings" including balloons in bright red, yellow, and blue. Perhaps you know that California leads the nation in folk dancing. These Friday evening gatherings in the Lounge from 1900 to 2100 bear out the fact. Dance or watch—meet the hostesses from Oakland and Berkeley and join the fun of waltzing your partner around the floor. Simple instructions or the more complicated types. Bring your ward pal along and join in the fun next week.

CAMERA CLUB

How is your camera technique? Have you dusted off your camera and taken advantage of these recurrent sunny days with all the flowers in bloom? It is easy to get into a snapshooting rut, particularly as far as camera angles are concerned. The traditional straight-on shot from directly in front of the subject has become such a habit that many amateur photographers seldom think of trying anything else. However, a try at a new angle will do much to pep up your snapshot collection. Study some of the pictures

you see in newspapers and magazines. The ones that catch your eye are the ones done by placing the camera in a spot where you would least expect it to be. If it works in the magazines, it ought to be worth trying for your photograph album. Try low-angle shots once in awhile, taking advantage of the sky, which proves an excellent background for pictures of people. Or you can place your camera at a low angle when making pictures of people outdoors and use the grass for a good background. Have you seen our dance room? It is in the Red Cross Lounge. Make an appointment if you seek advice or would like to develop your pictures there. And join the Camera Club.

Armed Forces Center Holds Weekly Dance

The AWVS ARMED FORCES CENTER cordially invites all enlisted men to attend the Sunday Afternoon dances at the Terrace Room, Fairmont Hotel, in San Francisco.

The program for Sunday, 27 May will include dancing from 1500 to 1800, to the music of Jack Ross and his orchestra. Entertainers for the afternoon will be Victor Jory and Margaret Whiting, who are currently appearing in San Francisco.

These Sunday afternoon dances are a regular feature of the AWVS ARMED FORCES CENTER and will feature the best entertainment to be found in the Bay Area. All enlisted service personnel are invited to attend.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

13 May

GARRETT, Charles Donnell, to wife of Charles Garrett, AN, 4 pounds, 14 ounces.
FINK, Penny Lee, to wife of Wendell Fink, HM2, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
HOBERTY, William George, to wife of John Hoberty, LCDR, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
SCHIEBERL, Robert Edward, to wife of Charles Schieberl, Sgt, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
COPELAND, Mark Ashley, to wife of Basil Copeland, HM2, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
LINDSTROM, Susan Marie, to wife of Gordon Lindstrom, Cpl, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.
WHIPPLE, Victoria Alice, to wife of Albert Whipple, ETC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
ALLEN, Judith Lynn, to wife of Jesse Allen, ADC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
HAMILTON, Terrence Kelly, to wife of Clyde Hamilton, AO1, 9 pounds, 12 ounces.
SAND, Warren William, to wife of Leonard Sand, ADC, 7 pounds, 13½ ounces.
MANHAN, Gregory Russell, to wife of Gordon Manhan, DT1, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

14 May

TAYLOR, Debra Louise, to wife of Charlie Taylor, MC2, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.
JOSEY, Paulette Rayel, to wife of Victor Josey, Sgt 1st Class, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
RENSHAW, Cynthia Marie, to wife of James Renshaw, Cpl, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
WANN, Brenda Maurine, to wife of Elmer Wann, Sgt, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
NANCE, Julia Frances, to wife of Rufus Nance, CHBOS'N, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
HENDRIX, Glenda Lorraine, to wife of John Hendrix, AM2, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.

15 May

BIGELOW, Robert Blair, to wife of Osbourne Bigelow, AA, 3 pounds, 12 ounces.
PAYNE, John Phillip, to wife of Olin Payne, ADC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
WILLIAMS, Barbara Ann, and John Keith (twins), to wife of Robert Williams, FA, 4 pounds, 13½ ounces, and 3 pounds, 15 ounces.
NOBLE, Raymond Walter, to wife of Walter Noble, ETR2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
THOMAS, Grl, to wife of James Thomas, TX, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
COLLINS, Charles King, to wife of Homer Collins, AK2, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
JOHNSTON, Richard Warren, to wife of Ruth Johnston, RMN1, 9 pounds, 11 ounces.
GAREY, Marguerite Eileen, to wife of Phil Garey, 2nd Lt, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
DODD, Carol Ann, to wife of Philip Dodd, MM2, 9 pounds.
JOHNSON, Joseph Neal, to wife of Eugene Johnson, SK3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
O'BRIEN, Theresa Ann, to wife of Refs O'Brien, BT3, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

16 May

THOMAS, Boy, to wife of Eugene Thomas, Pfc, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
WHALEY, Grl, to wife of Erland Whaley, MR2, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
BROWN, Thomas Hudson, to wife of Thomas Brown, Lt, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
BOYD, Richard Lee, to wife of Joseph Boyd, GM2, 4 pounds, 9 ounces.
SORENSEN, Nancy June, to wife of Harry Sorensen, HMC, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

17 May

LUALLIN, Grl, to wife of Hubert Luallen, EN2, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
BALL, Sharon Ann, to wife of Jimmie Hall, CHBOS'N, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
THOMPSON, Susan Lynne, to wife of Robert Thompson, HM3, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
FARNSWORTH, Diane, to wife of William Farnsworth, LTJG, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
PADGETT, Michael James, to wife of James Padgett, ET2, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
McGAHEE, William David, to wife of Clary McGahee, CHGUNNER, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
BACIGALUPO, Boy, to wife of Arthur Bacigalupo, AOC, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
McKNIGHT, Kathleen, to wife of Maurice McKnight, LT, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
FRANK, Peggy Ann, to wife of Alexander Frank, AN, 5 pounds, 9 ounces.
SMITH, Karen Lee, to wife of Kenneth Smith, Pfc, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
POWELL, Patrick Michael, to wife of Carmen Powell, BKR3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

18 May

VAN DOOSER, Christine, to wife of Paul Van Dooser, AN, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
DAVIES, Van Deems, to wife of Vernon Davies, LCDR, 5 pounds, 4 ounces.
JOHNSTON, Terryle Ann, to wife of George Johnston, RMN3, 6 pounds, 13½ ounces.
HOLMES, Anna Marie, to wife of Carl Holmes, LT, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
MAYDEN, Linda Marie, to wife of Warner Mayden, AN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
CRIBBS, Boy, to wife of John Cribbs, EN2, 8 pounds.
ENGLISH, Jacqueline May, to wife of James English, BTEN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
COOK, Laura Denise, to wife of Billy Cook, ETC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
LEWANSKI, Paul Michael, to wife of Edward Lewanski, T/Sgt, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

19 May

AVERY, Velinda Alice, to wife of Vernon Avery, ETC, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
McGEHEE, Faith Deborah, to wife of Thomas McGehee, HM1, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
ROLLINGS, Boy, to wife of Russell Rollings, HMC, 4 pounds, 8½ ounces.
MOSE, Michael Robert, to wife of Robert Rose, Pfc, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.



Shown here are the men who care for the spiritual welfare of the patients and staff at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, and two of their assistants. Top left, the Chaplain Corps is shown in conference. Seated at table, left to right, are LCDR E. L. Wade, Protestant Chaplain; LCDR A. T. Wallace, Catholic Chaplain; CDR J. A. Whitman, Protestant Chaplain and senior officer of the Corps, and LCDR W. J. Trower, Catholic Chaplain. Rabbi Paul N. Steinberg, Berkeley, Reserve Jewish Chaplain, top right, makes weekly visits to Oak Knoll Hospital. At lower left is Charles Blondino, HA, secretary to Chaplain Wade, and at lower right is Fred Adams, HM3, assistant to the Protestant Chaplains. Adams, an elder in his church, also conducts Mormon services at the hospital.

Plans Move Ahead For Oak Knoll Choir

The first meeting of the Station Choir will be held in the Community Service Building auditorium, at 1000, on Monday, 23 May.

All persons already signed up to participate are urged to attend this first meeting, for the purpose of organization. There is a definite shortage of female voices, and all people interested in joining the Choir are urged to contact Fred Adams, HM3 in the Chaplains' Office, or attend the meeting on 28 May.

NFFE Conventioners

Ruby Ostler, Lois Wilson, and Naomi Mann were among those who attended the state convention of the National Federation of Federal Employees in Fresno last week end. Mrs. Ostler is first vice-president of Local 496, with which many of Oak Knoll's civil employees are affiliated, and Miss Wilson is assistant secretary.

Chattanooga, Tenn. (AFPS) —

Thirty prisoners in the workhouse went on a short-lived strike demanding return of radios in each cell block. The original radios were removed when an inmate tried to saw his way out while the radio played loudly.

Alhambra, Calif. (AFPS)—Sam W. Kratzer hopped onto his motor-scooter and headed for Chicago. He intends to support himself along the way by sharpening knives. Sam is 80 years old.

Welfare of Personnel Cared For By Hospital Chaplain Corps

Anyone knows that spiritual welfare is as much a part of rehabilitation of the sick or wounded or the continued well-being of others as is physical welfare.

But not everyone is aware of the time and effort that is expended at Oak Knoll in the spiritual care of both staff and patients. Nor does everyone know that this very necessary help is there for them, simply for the asking.

This phase of well-being of Oak Knollites is under the direction of the four members of the Hospital's Chaplain Corps and their assistants.

CDR J. A. Whitman, Protestant chaplain, is the senior Chaplains' Corps officer at Oak Knoll. Others are LCDR A. T. Wallace and LCDR W. J. Trower, Catholic chaplains, and LCDR E. L. Wade, Protestant chaplain.

In addition, weekly visits are made to Oak Knoll by Rabbi Paul N. Steinberg, Berkeley, Reserve Jewish chaplain, and Mormon services are conducted by Fred Adams, HM3, an elder in his church.

The Oak Knoll chaplains' assistants are: Adams; Manuel Garcia, HM2, Catholic chaplains' assistant; Charles Blondino, HA, secretary to Chaplain Wade; and Walter Squires, HM1, who is detailed to Navy Relief.

The annual Navy Relief campaign, now in progress, brings to light one of the many duties of the chaplains more forcefully than during the rest of the year. The campaign will reach

its climax next week end when the Annual Navy Relief Carnival is held at NAS Alameda on 31 May, 1 and 2 June.

Funds gathered by Navy Relief are used for loans to navy personnel for immediate expenses, or outright grants to the needy for food, shelter or other essentials.

But Navy Relief is only one of the many duties of the chaplains. In addition, they conduct services, counsel patients on personal or family problems, work hand in hand with doctors in care and rehabilitation of patients and give unstintingly of their time and effort to any problem which may be presented to them.

Their part in the Navy and the welfare of its personnel is not small and their work is beyond a doubt worthy of the best support staff and patients can give them.

Dr. Holloway to Speak At Irwin Memorial

LCDR Charles K. Holloway, MC, USN, of the surgical service, will be the principal speaker Monday at the Tenth Anniversary of the foundation of the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank in San Francisco. He will tell hospital superintendents of the Bay Area, Red Cross representatives, and other civic leaders of his work in caring for the wounded in Korea, emphasizing the need for whole blood in treatment of casualties.

ARTIFICIAL LIMB DEPARTMENT IN LIMELIGHT AT LAKESIDE PARK



Eastbay citizens who attended the Armed Forces Day display at Lakeside Park in Oakland Sunday had a chance to see the services performed for amputee patients at Oak Knoll. Part of the crowd which was gathered around the hospital's display is shown above. The display was credited with being one of the outstanding

ones at the park and drew praise for its thorough organization and planning. At various times while the display was open Mr. Charles C. Asbelle of the Artificial Limb department told the crowd of the work done by the department. Those viewing the display asked and received answers to many questions concerning the work.



The cooperation received from the Maintenance Division and the Property and Finance Department in putting on the display was commended. Above are the men taking part in the display. They are, back row, left to right: Sgt. Martin, USMC, Mr. Asbelle, William R. Smith, a Navy veteran, and Rudolph Huck, Artificial

Limb Department shop foreman. Front row, Donald L. Strong, a Marine veteran, Richard R. Powers, FN, USN, S/Sgt. Vernon Plummer USMC, Pfc. McGuire, Mr. Jack Bales, Pfc. Robert Dixon, USMC, Pfc. Edward Peterson, USMC, and Charles Toombes; in the wheelchair is Cpl. W. W. Keininger, USMC.



Above, two of the patients taking part in the Armed Forces Day display are shown with two other patients, Commander T. J. Canty, MC, USN, Officer in Charge of the Amputee program, and Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts, who was their hostess at a luncheon at the Capitol in Washington. The four patients, Commander

Canty and Mr. Asbelle were in Washington recently to attend a meeting of the National Research Council's Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs. Shown, left to right, are Cpl. Frank J. Whorley, Pfc. Kenneth McGuire and Sgt. Johnny Martin, both of whom took part in the display, Congresswoman Rogers, Pfc. Edward Mitchell and Commander Canty. At

WELCOME AND FAREWELL

Oak Knoll's Staff Personnel Office had a big surprise this past week as more men were transferred than reported aboard for duty. The latest count shows that twenty-seven reported for duty, and sixty-seven were detached from the hospital during the past week.

Reporting aboard were CAPT Frank P. Kreuz, Jr., from NNMC Bethesda; LT Mary A. Foley, from inactive duty; LTJG Sheldon C. Cook, from USAH, Camp Stoneman; LTJG Sidney R. Burnip, from Letterman AH, Presidio of San Francisco; LTJG John F. Morrow, from USAH, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.; LTJG George J. Williams, from inactive duty; LTJG Mary J. Ford, from inactive duty; and ENS Ann A. Bergen, TAD from USNH, Guam.

O. L. Eytchison, HM1, reported from the USS General Randall, and J. F. Carey Jr., HM1, reported from NAS, Alameda. From USNRECSTA, Treasure Island, came R. D. Belcher, HM2, R. D. Bingham, HM3, W. W. Kirkpatrick, HM1, L. F. Leibold, HM3, R. E. MacDonald, HN, R. J. Mize, HM3; R. A. Monzingo, HM1, O. E. Proctor, HM3, R. Radford, HM3, H. E. Roth, HM2, A. G. Sander, HM3, G. S. Waggoner, HM3, K. C. Workman, HM2, S. J. Zaccaria, HMC, H. Schnackenberg, HM3, C. R. Irvin, HN, and R. A. Nelson, HN.

Detached from the hospital during the past week were CHWOHC C. W. O'Brien, USN, for FMF Pac; D. W. Reutlinger, HM2, for Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; T. J. Ambrose, HN, FMF Pac; L. E. Canaday, HMC, and F. H. Anderberg, HMC to HQ COMSTS Pac;

To USNRS, Treasure Island, went J. M. Simms, HMC; F. A. Hoke, HM1; B. A. Branson, HM3; V. Brantley, HM2; A. H. Brentlinger, HM2; D. H. Burch, HM3; L. Catterton, HM3; G. E. Conger, HM3; J. K. Cowan, HM3; N. E. Douglas, HM2;

J. E. Drexler, HM2; L. M. Frost, HM2; R. A. Gall, HM3; R. E. Grubb, HM2; L. L. Hadaway, HM2; B. J. Hassing, HM3; M. R. Hatch, HM3; R. B. Jensen, HM3; R. W. King, HM3; M. Kruleich, HM3; D. M. Linsen, HM3; L. A. Lewis, Jr., HM3; M. D. Lewis, Jr., HM3; A. A. Lohr, HM3; F. G. Loetz, HM2; H. J. Magan, HM3; D. G. Malone, HM3; J. B. May, HM2; H. McCloud, HM3; S. M. Miller, HM2; H. C. Nease, HM3; W. D. Phillips, HM2; L. L. Ritchie, HM1; R. C. Schmitz, HM3; B. Watkins, HM3; C. E. Winkler, HM2; J. G. Anthony, HM3; L. F. Astinfield, HM3; J. N. Bagley, HM3; E. L. Barger, HM3; H. M. Blass, HM3; R. L. Bowser, HM2; F. E. Brown, HN; P. E. Bessire, HN; R. W. Bunn, HN; L. B. Brewer, HN; R. W. Burbidge, HN; C. P. Cason, HN; P. J. Castille, HN; R. A. Cate, HN; G. J. Cizan, HN; L. A. Fenzl, HN; R. M. LePage, HN; L. E. Mills, HN; M. E. Massey, HN; J. L. Seale, HN; J. P. Sidwell, HM3; G. F. Taylor, HN; R. Thompson, HN; W. H. Weaver, HN; B. F. Wentworth, HM3; and R. T. Sobczyk, HM3.

Philippine Vets' Benefits Listed

Burial benefits for approximately a third of a million Philippine veterans who served with the United States forces during World War II have been authorized by a law signed recently by the president.

The law provides that families may be reimbursed for burial expenses of deceased veterans with the required wartime service, up to a maximum of 150 Philippine pesos, or approximately \$75.

Requirements for the benefits include:

The deceased veteran must have been separated from service under conditions other than dishonorable.

He must have served in the organized military forces of the Common-

wealth of the Philippines, while those forces were under the United States armed forces, or as a member of an organized guerrilla force under a commander later recognized or appointed by the Commander-in-Chief of the Southwest Pacific Area or other competent Army authority.

The law has a retroactive provision, authorizing the Veterans' Administration to reimburse burial expenses for Philippine veterans' deaths that occurred any time after July 26, 1941.

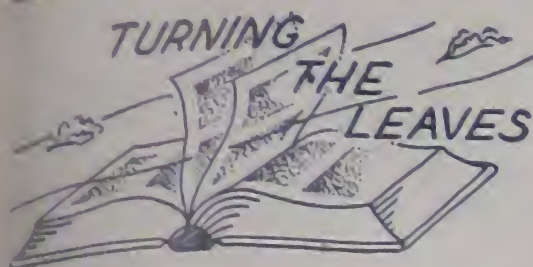
Seattle (AFPS)—Paul Holmes' cat didn't grieve long when one of her kittens died. She went into the woods and came back with a new "baby," a rat, which she is nursing.

More Subscriptions Given Knoll Library

A gift of 42 magazine subscriptions has been given to Oak Knoll Naval Hospital by the Acorn club, an organization of employees of the H. C. Capwell Company department store in downtown Oakland.

The gift includes a three-year subscription to Esquire magazine and a year's subscription to eight other popular magazines.

Sioux Falls, S. D. (AFPS)—Sioux department workers placed a dynamite charge in the Big Sioux river to break an ice jam. Result: a section of a steel bridge blown up; still jammed.



In terms of popularity, the two great war books, "From Here to Eternity" and "The Naked and the Dead," continue to lead the field. The Crew's Library has waiting lists several yards long for both; well, while you're waiting for them you might consider some of the following. They are new and all fine reading:

There are two excellent biographies out of late, "The Far Side of Paradise" by Arthur Mizener, wherein he tells the tragic story of F. Scott Fitzgerald, one of the three or four top-flight writers America has produced in our generation. Fitzgerald died without knowing just how great he was, and Mizener explains why. . . . "Moulin Rouge" is a biographical novel based on the life of the French painter, TOULOUSE-LAUTREC; wives and sweethearts will probably sob quietly over it and conclude that life can be beautiful.

Completing the artistic cycle which burst upon us this spring is a slanting version of how Jazz began. Rudi Blesh and Harriett Janis have put it together and called it "They All Played Ragtime." The story of American Jazz makes a saga no matter who tells it, and while Goffin and Mezzrow still top the group of writers who have explored the field, Rudi Blesh has done some good scholarship about the very early days, about New Orleans, Bolden, et al.

Also current and tops: "The Collected Short Stories of William Faulkner." When you read these stories, you suddenly know why Faulkner took the Nobel Prize last year. . . . he's a modern Mark Twain; "The Bear Hunt," "Lo!" and "My Grandmother Millard and General Forrest, and The Battle of Harrykin Creek" are surely among the funniest, not to say earthiest, short stories in our literature; Faulkner is absolutely tops (in my book). . . . Another collection of short pieces, "Shooting An Elephant" by George Orwell, famed author of "1984," shows you how he got that way; a blood freezer from way back. . . . In the field of international politics, try "Tito and Goliath" by Hamilton Fish Armstrong. It also will freeze your blood, but in a different way.

—Frank M. Campbell, HMI.

C.P.O. Carnival Set for Tonight

Want your fortune told? Want a chance to try your skill at pitching a penny? Want to hear the music of Frankie Pro and his orchestra?

Those chances for a good time, plus many more, will be available at the carnival to be held at Oak Knoll C.P.O. club tonight.

The carnival, sponsored by the C.P.O. Wives club, will be complete with prizes, surprises, barkers and all. The affair will get underway at 2130 and everything that goes to make a carnival a success, from a hot-dog stand to a will be there.

Pure Fire: The gal with money to burn can always get a match!



Playing to a standing room only audience at Oak Knoll 16 May, three well-known stage personalities presented the "Voice of the Turtle." At left, Diana Lynn as Sally, and Mel Ferrer as Bill are shown in one of the tenderer scenes, while above Eve Arden as Olive uses her charm on Mr. Ferrer as Miss Lynn looks on disapprovingly.



Capacity Crowd Sees "Voice of The Turtle"

"The Voice of the Turtle," featuring three top-flight stage personalities drew a packed house at Oak Knoll on Wednesday, 16 May. Even those who got there a half-hour before curtain time and found the "Standing Room Only" sign out stood cheerfully throughout the play.

With Eve Arden as Olive, Diana Lynn as Sally and Mel Ferrer as Sgt. Bill Page, "The Turtle" was given a smooth performance that kept the audience hanging on every word until the final curtain.

Possibly the favorite was Eve Arden, whose two appearances on the stage were too few and too brief, judging by the applause that greeted each of her entrances and exits.

Winsome Diana Lynn and personable Mel Ferrer drew their share of laughs, but Miss Arden had only to flick an eyebrow or change the inflection of her voice to bring laughter from those out front.

The appreciative audience did not miss a line and at the final curtain of the two-and-a-half hour play brought the principals back for a rousing curtain call.

George Reilly Dinner

The George Reilly Dinner and Floor Show, originally scheduled for 28 May, has now been postponed until 5 June. All persons who signed up for this event, please confirm with Welfare and Recreation Department that you will be able to make the dinner on 5 June.

Memphis (AFPS)—When Mrs. Lulu Brown noticed a woman with a door knob in her hand in her store every day, her curiosity became aroused. The woman explained that after she bolted her door, she unscrewed the door knob to make certain no one would enter while she was away.

Boston (AFPS)—Miss E. Patricia Coleman and Daniel J. Desmond were married recently. She is a policewoman, he is a state policeman, her sister is a policewoman, and her father is a policeman.

Top Award Winners Get VIP Treatment

Tokyo (AFPS)—The Army said recently it plans to give the VIP treatment to any soldier who wins the Medal of Honor. Any soldier awarded the highest honor the United States can give one of its fighting men was promised: he will be flown to Tokyo from Korea and housed in special quarters, he will receive a new uniform and meet General Matthew Ridgway. He will get a special pass to clubs in the Tokyo area, plus the use of a car. Within 48 hours he and his family, if they are in Japan, will be ready to fly back to the United States.

Dr. Shimkin Presents Basic Science Lecture

Dr. Michael B. Shimkin, M.D., of the U. S. Public Health Service, presented another lecture in the current Basic Science series at the staff conference room on Tuesday, 22 May. His topic was "Recent Advances in Oncology."

Tuesday evening, 29 May, Dr. Robert S. Stone, M.D., will lecture on the topic, "Atomic Power in Medicine," and on 5 June Dr. W. P. Shepard, M.D., will lecture on "The Role of Voluntary Public Health Agencies in the Over-All Public Health Movement." These lectures will be held in the Officers' Club.

Staff Personalities

One of the many Navy men who like the contemplative life of a fisherman in their spare time is **L. L. Linse**, HMC, whom you may have met in the Commanding Officer's mail room. Asked how he spends his free time, Chief Linse will reply quickly, "Fish."

Chief Linse, who has been at Oak Knoll nearly three years, has also been assigned to the record office and transportation. He came to Oak Knoll from the U.S.S. Benner.

A native of Springview, Nebr., Chief Linse is married and has one child. During World War II he served for three years with a Marine paratroop unit.

He is rounding out 12 years of service in the Navy.



Two of the newer faces around Oak Knoll Hospital can be found on Ward 50B, where **ENS Anne M. Sheridan**, NC, USN, left, and **ENS Marianna Tyson**, NC, USNR, hold forth. Both Miss Sheridan and Miss Tyson came to Oak Knoll 20 April from Jacksonville, Fla., and both have been in the Navy since last October. Miss Sheridan calls Boston, Mass., her home town, while Miss Tyson hails from Philadelphia, Pa. The two nurses, who seem to do almost everything as a pair, have worked together on Ward 50B since their arrival at Oak Knoll. On their first visit to California, the two nurses are not too impressed. "It was quite a shock to come from the beach at Jacksonville out here to the hills and fog," said Miss Sheridan.



Pictured with only part of the gifts received from the Women's Golf Section of the Olympic Club at Lakeside in San Francisco are Mrs. Walter Von Der Lieth, CAPT J.N.C. Gordon, Mrs. A. W. Gruss, Miss Winifred Eley, and Mrs. A. O. St. Clair. Gifts valued at \$1450.00 were given to the hospital as the result of a benefit luncheon held by the club. They include, a Wilcox-Gay Recorder, a Bell and Howell projector with screen, and a new portable spinet piano, now located on Ward 56. The group is at present arranging to purchase a portable public address system, for use on all the wards.

New Rackets Fleece G.I.'s

Servicemen often fall prey to unscrupulous racketeers. Many cases of swindle have been uncovered.

The following occurred in New Orleans, La.:

Two privates first class, one 18 and the other 20, were picked up by a man who claimed he was a detective—and flashed a badge as proof. He told them he had to "take them downtown" because of a complaint which, according to him, had been lodged against them.

He took them to police headquarters in a taxi. When they entered the hallway, the young soldiers said, they were instructed to turn over their billfolds and to wait while the "detective" checked with his superior.

The bogus detective went through a door and never returned.

The youths lost a total of \$47 in the deal.

We Do Okey

U. S. Servicemen have long known that they were the highest paid soldiers in the world. Some figures comparing respective pay of the Atlantic Pact member nations tell the story.

Here are the daily rates of pay for grade E-1 (Pvt.) in eight of the countries supplying troops to the Atlantic army, without counting "extras."

United States	\$2.63
Belgium	\$2.50
Britain	96 cents
Holland	76 cents
Denmark	24 cents
Norway	15 cents
Italy	8 cents
France	5 cents

Cleveland (APFS) — The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology selected an expert to deliver an address on food. His name—Dr. Bacon F. Chow.

NSLI Premium Waivers Approved

Armed service personnel may apply for waivers on National Service Life Insurance term policy premiums, the waiver to expire 120 days after the date of separation, according to a new order, ALNAV 42.

Premiums due after 120 days following separation, however, must be timely paid to continue the insurance in force.

The earliest date the premium waiver can become effective is 2 June, 1951, but the applications for the waiver may and should be executed during May where practicable, according to the ALNAV.

In cases where the waiver is executed prior to 2 June, 1951, the allotment to pay the premium will be discontinued after the last payment in April. Applications executed on and after 2 June, 1951, will discontinue the allotment with the last payment month preceding the date of waiver application.

The ALNAV states that available information from Veterans' Administration indicates it is advisable that all persons having term insurance in force apply for the waiver, thereby continuing policies in effect on a non-participating basis while the waiver remains in effect and retaining the right to continue insurance by timely payment of premiums after separation.

Persons holding any permanent plan of insurance may apply for a waiver but are advised to continue such insurance without change of allotment until further information and forms are available.

Information concerning where forms may be obtained will be announced in The Oak Leaf by memorandum.

Memorial Day First Set Aside To Honor Civil War Dead

(An Editorial)

The nation celebrates Memorial Day next Wednesday. This day of remembrance originated in 1868 in commemoration of the Union Army Civil War dead. Because its original purpose was to decorate the graves of the soldiers who fought to preserve the Union, it used to be known as Decoration Day. But now its purpose has been extended to include the dead of all Wars, and for many it has become a day of personal and family commemoration.

Memorial Day maintains its military aspect, despite the fact that it is now a day to remember all dead. For many years the exercises in the local communities have been in charge of the Veteran's Organizations, and at the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va., the grave of the Unknown Soldier is decorated with formal military ceremonies.

But now, there is an added significance given to this day in the mingling of personal and military commemorations. For the nation to remember its military dead is "altogether fitting and proper", as President Lincoln said, in dedicating the cemetery at Gettysburg. Is it not equally "fitting and proper" that the nation in remembering its sons fallen in battle, should be joined by each of us as individuals in remembering members of our family and friends who have fallen in life's battle?

Thus by joining the personal and social remembrances do we recognize the common life and common destiny of the individual and of the nation.

"No man is an island", said John Donne, "entire of itself... Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 27 May

ACE IN THE HOLE—Kirk Douglas. This picture is about a newspaper subject of the movies, the newspaper Set in Albuquerque, it concerns the efforts of a front page news story and a reporter's efforts to regain his prestige. A new one it has not yet been reviewed by the critics.

Monday, 28 May

THE FURIES—Barbara Stanwyck, Wendell Corey. This PARAMOUNT production has received good reviews from critics and was rated as a picture for adults by national reviewing groups. The first released last summer.

Tuesday, 29 May

SEALED CARGO—Dana Andrews, Lee Remick. Classed as very good by reviewers and listed as a general audience picture, adventure film has as its villain a group of boat sailors and as its heroes a group of American fishermen. The picture builds to a rousing climax that should satisfy most action-hungry patrons. The screenplay is based on a novel entitled "The Gaunt Woman," written by Edmund Spenser.

Wednesday, 30 May

CANYON RAIDERS—Walter Pidgeon, Betsy Knight. This is a new one that has not been reviewed as yet, but promises to be a rip-snortin' Western for those who like the wild and woolly.

Thursday, 31 May

THE PRINCE WAS A THIEF—Tommy Curtis, Piper Laurie. There is no information available as yet on this relatively recent release.

Friday, 1 June

PAYMENT ON DEMAND—Barbara Stanwyck, Barry Sullivan. This picture received a rating of excellent from the reviewers and classified as an adult production. Barbara Davis stars and dominates the movie in a fully-rounded dramatic role, backed up expertly to her talents. It is a story of a woman of inordinate ambition, but in the half of her husband and her two daughters as well as herself. The film, according to reviewers, is well written, underlined, directed and performed in good taste, good sense and believability.

Saturday, 2 June

BEAUTY ON PARADE—Robert Hamner, Ruth Warrick. This film, released about a year ago, is rated as good, and is classified as a movie for the entire family.

The Oak Leaf
Oak Knoll Hospital
Oakland, California.
To the Editor:

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and gratitude for the wonderful care I received while a patient at Oak Knoll Hospital. To Dr. Crenshaw, who performed the surgery, Dr. McCampbell, who had post operative care of me, and Dr. Dickinson, who was interested in my case, I can only say, "Thank you very much." It was due to their constant care and interest in me that I've made such a complete recovery.

I also want to thank Nurses Irwin, Mrs. Quirk, Pettigrew, and Snelling; Hospital attendants Grace Hansen, Velma Lehmann, Clare Deadder, and Norma Toomer; Ward attendants Lilly Marshall, Grace Van Horn, and Nellie Bramwell, for their personal care of me. I would especially like to mention the care given me by Grace Hansen the week immediately following surgery. No one could have been more gentle, kind, and patient than she was at this time—she was never too busy, or thought it too much bother to do anything she felt would make me more comfortable.

It has been three months since I was released from the hospital, coming back only for monthly checkups.

Once again I want to say "Thanks" to the staff on 72A who made my stay there such a pleasant one.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Irene White
207 Gibson Street
Mill Valley, California.

Navy Memorial Service Planned

Navy Memorial Day services for men who died at sea in the service of their country will be held Wednesday, 30 May, at 1415, at Lakeside Park in Oakland.

Highlights of the annual observance, sponsored by the Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 10, will be selections by the Oakland Municipal Band, an address, "Memorial Day and What It Means," by D. B. Hilton, CAPT, USN, and selections by Mr. John Patrick, formerly of the Chicago Opera Company.

LCDR Leonard T. Boyd, Navy chaplain, will be officiating chaplain. A flower-decorated cross will be launched on Lake Merritt and flowers will be strewn on the lake by auxiliary units.

Knoll Bond Campaign Standings Are Listed

How does your organizational unit now stand in the Savings Bond sales program? Here are the relative standings of the various organizational units of the hospital, as of 11 May, with the percentage figure of the participating employees in the unit:

(1) Maintenance Division (Fire Department Branch), 48%; (2) Disbursing Division, 47%; (3) Finance Division (Laundry Branch), 38%; (4) Dependents Service, 36%; (5) Personnel and Records, 36%; (6) Nursing Service (Nurses' Mess), 33%; (7) Civilian Personnel Branch, 30%; (8) Maintenance Division (Shops), 25%; (9) Finance Division, 22%; (10) Maintenance Division (Transportation), 21%; (11) Amputee Department, 21%; (12) Commissary Division, 19%; (13) Nursing Service (Dependents' Service Ward), 18%; (14) Office of Administrative Assistant, 16%; (15) Medical Service, 13%; (16) Security Division, 11%; (17) Surgical Service, 10%; and Psychiatric Service, 0%.

SHRINE CIRCUS BRINGS BIG SHOW TO OAK KNOLL



Comedy, daring and skill—those were the by-words of the Shrine Circus acts presented for Oak Knollites at the auditorium Thursday, 17 May. Here are a few of the highlights: (1) That's a mighty strong dog The Arwoods have trained. Of course, the metal stand, hidden by the dog, on which Mr. Arwood has one of his hands may have helped. (2) Harry Dann leads his talking duck down a ladder after the fowl did its stint at the microphone. The assistant is Dennis Stevens. (3) One of the three Sing Lee Sings slips through three hoops lined with sharp knives as part of their acrobatic act. (4) Francis Brunn shows his skill as a juggler by keeping two balls twirling in violation of gravitation laws.

Clowns, Trick Dogs, Jugglers Entertain

Clowns, acrobats, performing dogs—all were on hand Thursday, 17 May, when the Shrine Circus put up its tent at the Oak Knoll auditorium to present an hour-long show.

Getting the lion's share of the applause with a juggling act that seemed to approach the impossible were Francis Brunn and his sister. Another act which found special favor with the audience was that of the Three Goetches Brothers and their antics on a unicycle.

Precision performances by trained dogs highlighted the presentation by the Arwoods and their canine friends. Another act featuring trained dogs was that of the Georgetto Brothers.

One of the more breathtaking acts was put on by the Three Sing Lee Sings, when one of the acrobats jumped casually through three hoops lined with sharp knives and another came down off the stage to stack chairs atop one another until he was able to touch the overhead with his feet while doing a handstand.

Comedy was amply supplied by Clowns Gene Randow, the Sherman Brothers and their trained dog, and Harry Dann and his talking duck, together with Dennis Stevens.

Arthur Springer announced the acts and Wally Newbury furnished the organ music.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

I wish I were a little rock,
A-sitting on a hill,
A-doing nothing all day long,
But just a-sitting still;
I wouldn't eat, I wouldn't sleep,
I wouldn't even wash—
I'd sit and sit a thousand years,
And rest myself, b'gosh!

—Frederick Lattimer,
The Weary Fishers.

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We wish that we could go with Derf,
He's off on a vacation;
No Scuttlebutt this week, or next,
Derf's visiting relations;
No "Stuff 'n Stuff," "Who's Who,"
or dirt,
The Oak Leaf staff is frantic—
But a short time hence, Derf will be back.
... Well, WE haven't done anything
we're ashamed of!

—Editor.

Louisville, Ky. (AFPS)—A woman was granted a divorce when she complained that her husband liked coffee more than he loved her.

While carrying a tray of coffee to him one morning, she fainted. "He just left me lying there and went out and made himself another cup and sat there and drank it while I was still unconscious," she complained.

Richmond, Calif. (AFPS)—When Denny Ray Washington's pet white rat scampered into a clothes closet, Denny lit a match to find him. Fourteen families are homeless.

Armed Forces Experimenting With New Hearing Test

Washington (AFPS) — The Armed Forces are experimenting with a new device by means of which the hearing of from one to 50 recruits may

be tested in a few minutes.

The portable screening audiometer, developed by Dr. Aram Glorig, director of the Army Medical Center's Au-

diology and Speech Correction Center here, functions on the principle of a constant sound level with variance in frequencies of test tones.

The small machine is fitted with earphones which are worn by the individuals to be tested. If the individual hears each test tone, his hearing is normal. If he fails to hear all the tones, a hearing loss is indicated and further tests are made to determine the amount of loss.

The individual is related to the tones by a series of lights which instruct him to listen, count the tones, and indicate his answer on a blank form.

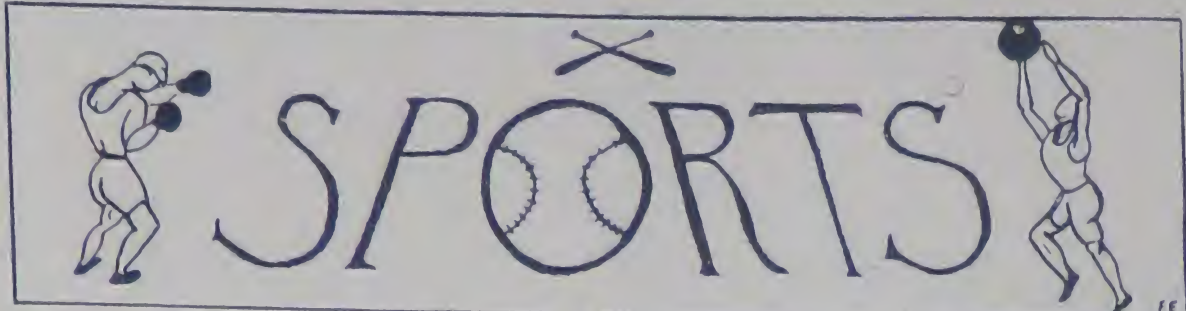
To date, more than 1,000 men have been tested with the new device. When officially adopted, it will be made available to all induction stations.

Want to See Oaks Vs. Seattle 31 May?

All patients who are interested in baseball, and wish to see the Oaks play Seattle on 31 May, please sign up in Welfare and Recreation.



"... Is everything all right, boys? ..."



OFFICERS TAKE WARD CORPSMEN 21 TO 1

Oak Knoll's varsity softball team lost a heartbreaker to NAS Alameda on Monday, 22 May, by a score of 7-6 in a game that went two extra innings.

The Alameda team racked up six runs in a wild first inning, but were held scoreless for the next seven on the one-hit pitching of Moore, while the Hospital team tied the score.

Alameda, however, managed to push across the winning run in the ninth.

In intra-hospital softball league action, the Officers smacked the Ward Corpsmen by the count of 21-1 in a game played 22 May. In other league games Independents won over Surgery II, 8-4, and in turn were beaten by the Laboratory team, 4-3. A scheduled game between the Chiefs and the Record Office was postponed.

Also scheduled for the latter part of the week was Surgery II versus the Chiefs, and Civil Service Girls versus the Independents.

Next week the NP team will meet the Record Office on Monday; the Chiefs are slated to play Laboratory on Tuesday, and on Wednesday the Civil Service Girls will meet the Independents.

In other softball games this week the varsity team collided with Moffett Field on Wednesday, while the Oak Knoll Nurses met the San Francisco Marines on Thursday.

Next week the varsity team has two games scheduled — they will visit Western Sea Frontier on Monday and go against the Electronics School at Treasure Island on Wednesday, 30 May.

Notice: In movie balconies, petting should not be aloud.

Tennis Singles In Semi-finals

Three of the four contestants in the semi-finals of the Oak Knoll intra-hospital singles tennis tourney were ready to go this week as scores came in after quarter-final round play.

In the top bracket Commander Kurzrok went into the semi-finals by ousting Suess in the second round, 6-1 and 6-0. He will meet the winner of the Ignatius-Hicks quarter-final match, still to be played.

In the lower bracket Wandling walked into the semi-final play in an easy manner by means of a forfeit in the first round and a bye in the second round.

However, he must dispose of Fichter before gaining a place in the finals match. Fichter won out over Ash, 8-6 and 6-4, in quarter-final play to win the chance of testing Wandling.

Action was also expected to start this week in the intra-hospital men's doubles tourney.

Meanwhile, the Welfare and Recreation Department announced that plans for Oak Knoll to participate in a district badminton league have been abandoned. Most of the badminton players have been transferred to other bases.

In Varsity Tennis action Wednesday, 23 May, the Oak Knoll crew lost to the NAS Alameda squad by a score of 10 to 3.

KNOLL GOLFERS FALL BEFORE MOFFETT TEAM

Moffett Field Athletic teams had everything their own way Wednesday, 23 May, in contests with crews from Oak Knoll Naval Hospital.

In a match played at Moffett Field, the Oak Knoll varsity golf squad went down to defeat by a score of 8½ for the Moffett Field golfers and 7½ for the Oak Knollers.

Members of the Oak Knoll golf team for the match were LT R. M. Ware, CDR J. R. Dillon, Jefferson, Spencer and Bower.

The Oak Knoll varsity softball team fared no better in its tangle at Moffett Field, where the home crew defeated the visiting Hospital team by a score of 14 to 5.

Tom Moore, who did a beautiful one-hit pitching job for eight innings in another game earlier in the week, went the route for the Knollers.



Another Television Set has been presented to add enjoyment to convalescent days at Oak Knoll. The set was presented to Ward 43A, and donated by California Lodge No. 163, B'NAI B'RITH, San Francisco. Pictured with the new set are (Left to right) Sgt C. A. Ray, USMC, Sgt Gilbert Ortuno, USMC, Cpl Norman Melchoir, USMC, Manuel Needleman, Emanuel N. Lapp, Frank Brann, Joseph Jacobs, Irving Skoll, (Lodge President), T/Sgt Louis Raquino, USA, Cpl Lawrence L. Lehr, USA, and Cpl A.S. Garza USMC.

Knollites Drop 2 In 12ND Tourney

Oak Knoll's baseball team took it on the chin last Thursday, 17 May when a powerful Moffett Field crew blasted them 12 to 6.

Before the afternoon was over Moffett Field had slammed out 13 hits off Oak Knoll hurler Tamborski, while the Hospital team managed to get seven bingles off Moffett Field Pitcher Curtis.

Catcher McCann was the big stick for the Oak Knoll team, with three hits in four times at bat. Tamborski, in addition to his pitching stint, managed to garner two hits. The other Oak Knoll singles were by Amos and Young.

Not wasting any time showing their power, the Moffett Field baseballers got things off to a fast start in their half of the first inning, when Kutzern, the first man at the plate, lashed out a booming triple, followed by a single by Hill, an Oak Knoll error, and a double by Kellerhals to put across four runs before the inning ended.

The Oak Knollers came back with two runs in the second on hits by McCann and Tamborski.

The Moffett Field nine built up their lead consistently, however, with one run in the second, when Usher smacked a three-bagger; three in the third, two in the fifth and one each in the eighth and ninth.

The seventh was the big inning for the Oak Knoll team with three runs scored on singles by Amos, Young and McCann.

The Oak Knollers were charged

Night Crew Now Leads Keg Play

The two leaders in the Oak Knoll Bowling league tangled Tuesday, 22 May, and the first place Night Crew team came out on top by copping two of the three games from the second place Physiotherapy keggers.

The wins dropped the Night Crew record to .740, with 21 wins in 27 games played. The Physio's team record dropped to .711, 27 wins in 38 games played.

In other action during the past week the N.P. team took four games on a forfeit by the Chiefs, and won three from the Nurses' team on Tuesday. Both the Artificial Limb team and Record Office crew also won points on forfeits of games scheduled for the week.

Scheduled to meet Thursday night are the Record Office and X-Ray, Artificial Limb and Laundry, and Chiefs versus the Night Crew.

On Tuesday the MAA's will go against Laundry, the Nurses will meet the Night Crew, and Artificial Limb will meet the N.P. team

with four bobbles during the game the Moffett Fielders with three.

In another game played Tuesday 22 May, Oak Knoll again turned up on the losing side when they were soundly beaten by the NAS Alameda baseballers, 9-1.

Alameda's Bowers set the Knollers down without a hit, the Hospital's only run coming in the fifth inning when Young was safe on an error. Meanwhile, the Alameda team was gathering nine hits off Oak Knoll twirler Bornellis, and scored six of their runs in a wild first inning.

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Saturday, 2 June, 1951

Santa Cruz Lions Week-end Hosts

The trek to Santa Cruz and the San Lorenzo Valley last week end proved to be another successful and wonderful trip for the thirty Oak Knoll patients who participated.

The entire week end was sponsored by the San Lorenzo Valley Lions Club, in cooperation with the veterans' organizations of the area. These two groups really did a bang-up job of crowding five days of wonderful entertainment into a three-day week end, which included food, dancing, sightseeing, horseback riding, fun at the beach, and many other activities.

Welcome Aboard

The week end started when the group arrived at Hotel Casa Del Rey in Santa Cruz, where the guests were treated to a welcoming lunch, along with speeches by Lion President Dick Lee, Program Chairman Glenn Coolidge, and other dignitaries. The group then took a bus trip through the entire San Lorenzo Valley, the motorcade being preceded by sheriff's cars, fire engines, and much honking of horns and sounding of sirens. After the trip, the patients were guests of Costella's in Felton for dinner and entertainment, then were taken back to Santa Cruz for a good night's sleep in preparation for the full day scheduled on Saturday.

Saturday started with a huge breakfast at the hotel, a trip to Felton for horseback riding and a Rodeo at Glenn Coolidge's ranch, then back to Santa Cruz for an afternoon at Playland on the beach. Saturday night saw dinner and dancing at the Hotel Casa Del Rey, with thirty girls from the Y.W.C.A. as guests at the party. Those patients who could not, or did not care to dance, were treated to movies, canasta, voice-recording. There was fun at the beach and many other activities, until the party broke up and thirty tired guests were ready to call it a day.

Leis and Alohas

Sunday morning's late breakfast was followed by a trip at noon to Brookdale Lodge for more entertainment, and the guests were served chicken dinner just prior to departure. As the final touch to the whole party, each guest received a lei around his neck, and with it a big kiss from a young lady, while the orchestra stood by playing "Aloha." The period of time between the departure at 1700 and arrival at the hospital at 2100 was just about the only time in the whole week end when nothing exciting was going on.



VADM Ross T. McIntire, MC, USN (Ret.), a visitor at Oak Knoll for several days during the past week, examines a prosthetic device shown him by CDR T. J. Canty, MC, USN, director of the Amputee Department here. Admiral McIntire, who is now chairman of the President's Committee in Employing the Physically Handicapped, evidenced much interest in Dr. Canty's department, the work done there, and the progress shown in patient rehabilitation. Since his retirement from active duty with the Navy, the Admiral has also served as Chairman of the Committee of Medical Policies and Procedures of the National Blood Program of the American Red Cross.

Admiral McIntire Visits Hospital

VADM Ross T. McIntire, MC, USN. (Ret.), Surgeon General of the Navy and Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery from 1938 until 1946, visited Oak Knoll Naval Hospital for several days during the past week.

The Admiral is especially interested in Oak Knoll and San Leandro hospitals since both were commissioned while he was Surgeon General.

While serving as White House Physician from 1933 to 1945, ADM McIntire was personal physician to President Franklin D. Roosevelt and accompanied the Chief Executive on many important trips abroad during World War II. Since his retirement from active service with the Navy, he has served as chairman of the Committee of Medical Policies and Procedures of the National Blood Program of the Red Cross and also is chairman of the President's Committee in Employing the Physically Handicapped.

At Oak Knoll ADM McIntire was especially interested in the work being done by the hospital's amputation center and artificial limb department.

ADM McIntire was accompanied by Mrs. McIntire. They were the guests of CAPT and Mrs. I. L. V. Norman during their visit to Oak Knoll.

Red Cross To Hold Open House

The American Red Cross will hold Open House at Oak Knoll on Wednesday, 6 June, from 1400 to 2100. Staff and patients have been invited to attend to meet the persons from surrounding communities who have contributed the many gifts that make the Craft Shop and Lounge more enjoyable.

Scheduled to be present for the Open House are Red Cross Chapter heads and board members, in addition to contributors to the hospital, who will have an opportunity to see the facilities and services provided by the funds they have donated.

Crafts will be exhibited in and around the Craft Shop area, Building 31. Bridge and canasta tournaments will be held in the afternoon at the Red Cross Lounge, Building 32, with ping-pong and chess tournaments in the evening.

In addition, dark room techniques will be explained, and the Music Room will feature combos and jam sessions.

Surgery School Awards Certificates To Three Newly-trained Technicians



Three Oak Knoll staff members during the past week completed the course leading to certification as Operating Room Technicians. The certificates were presented to the men by CAPT E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN, Chief of Surgical Service at Oak Knoll. CAPT Dickinson is shown above congratulating J. F. Huff, HN, for his successful completion of the course. The other graduates are R. L. Holbrook, HM3, left, and J. C. O'Bannon, HM3.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Ziethen was a famous German general. While still a boy he served as Page at the court of Frederick I, King of Prussia. Part of his duty was to keep guard at the door of the King's bedroom. Young Ziethen often took the place of the other pages, who paid him for taking their turn; he wanted to earn more money to send to his mother.

One night the King could not sleep, and he wanted a certain book to read. Several times he rang for his Page, but no one answered. The King got up to find out why the bell was not answered, and beside his door he found young Ziethen fast asleep, holding in his hand a half-completed letter to his mother. The King read it.

The boy was writing his mother how hard it was to keep awake when he worked those extra nights, but he was happy that he was making seven or eight dollars more which he was sending her. The King was touched by the young man's devotion, and put a roll of gold coins in each pocket, then the following day gave the lad a Commission in the Army. In time Ziethen rose to the high rank where history has placed him.

Here we have just one of the millions of proofs from history that the Lord keeps the promise he made when he gave us the fourth Commandment: "Honor thy father and thy mother that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest live long upon the earth." That promise God keeps in remarkable ways.

Christ has told us to love God and to love our neighbor. Our first duty to others is to honor our parents. Hence the fourth Commandment comes first in our duties to others.

It is the only Commandment with a promise of reward. Keeping the other Commandments also brings reward, but God expressly promises long life and good fortune to those who keep the fourth. God wants us to see Him in our superiors.

The fourth Commandment is the most essential for the good of society and of the individual. Without the law of honor and obedience, there could be no family, and without the family there would be no society, no law, no order, no peace, no security.

Nations which make little of this law soon break down and disappear from the earth. Where this law of God is not kept you will find disorder, bloodshed, and social unrest.

On the contrary, the strength of any nation, the peace and contentment of any people, come from the keeping of this law. We saw it in the case of a young Page in the service of his King. His devotion to his mother was the means of his promotion, his betterment in life, even in a material way.

Our faith tells us that God gave us this Commandment and that God will help us keep it. In the Old Testament the Lord declared: "He that honoreth his father shall have joy in his own children."

LCDR A. T. WALLACE,
Catholic Chaplain.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

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BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
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MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 1000
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Chaplains of other faiths will be called
 upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Another 'Well Done' For Hospital Staff

May 22, 1951.

Commanding Officer
 U. S. Naval Hospital
 Oakland 14, California
 Dear Sir:

I want to express my personal appreciation for your letter of May 18th advising me of the condition of my son, PFC Joseph E. Bell.

Mrs. Bell and Joe have both written about the excellent attention he is getting, and certainly this goes a long way towards convincing us that his rehabilitation program will be a successful one.

Please accept my personal thanks and that of my family for the kind and efficient service being rendered Joe.

Yours very truly,
 George S. Bell.

Red Cross Ramblings



OPERATION ASH TRAY was a big success as far as patients at Oak Knoll are concerned. When one of the patients, CPL Harry Feldman, USMC, went home to Southern California he mentioned that there was a shortage of ash trays on some of the hospital wards. The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of Wilmington, Torrance, and Hawthorne, went to work and collected 2,500 ash trays, which were delivered to CPL Feldman's sister, Mrs. Virginia Hays of Oakland. Red Cross Motor Service picked up the boxes of ash trays at Mrs. Hays' home and brought them to the hospital. There is an ash tray for each patient in the hospital and the Red Cross Gray Ladies will deliver them to all bed patients upon request. Above SGT Jack Griffiths is shown assisting Burnette Thompson, Red Cross Recreation Worker, in distribution of ash trays to Robert L. Patison, CS3, USN, of North Hollywood, Calif., (left), and Herbert Schnaible, AM2, USN, Oaks, North Dakota, patients on Ward 46B.

STAMP COLLECTORS

Wow! Stamp collecting may seem like peanuts to some people, but an Oak Knoll staff member really hit the jackpot a few days ago. At the invitation of a local friend, he was rummaging around in a closet filled with old letters and papers. Upon checking catalogues at the Red Cross Stamp Club, topside in the Community Service Building, he discovered that the Benjamin Franklin three cent grill 11x14 mm. he turned up is listed as worth \$250. Are you interested in this hobby? The club meets every Wednesday afternoon. If you are a bed patient, tell the Red Cross worker on your ward and she will be happy to furnish you with more information and details about stamps.

CRAFT SHOP NEWS

New glazes that will not smear or run have arrived for those men working with ceramics, and new molds are arriving daily for your experimentation. There are a wide variety of molds available now which make it inviting to anyone who likes to make bowls, plates, wall decorations, mugs, figurines, or something that you might like to design in your own inimitable fashion. You are welcome to enjoy the ceramic craft work as well as all the other craft opportunities. Remember the Craft Shop (Building 31) is open every Monday and Tuesday evening as well as five days during the week — Monday through Friday.

KNOCKOUT TIME

Monday evening in the Red Cross Lounge the Flyweight Champions of 1949 exhibited their prowess in fist-cuffs. Speed Reilly, Oakland Tribune race announcer, spoke and introduced the boxers to the patients. Some of the ring's old timers — Jim Duffy, John Gonzales, Jack Davis,

Earl Turner, John Ortega, Jimmie Abayta — discussed "Highlights of Fights." Harold Kidwell of the Constable's Office in El Cerrito exhibited his collection of duck decoys and demonstrated the manipulations necessary to bag game. Geographical areas were explained and there was a discussion about the best time of year for hunting. Mr. C. E. Wilson will bring another interesting group to the Red Cross Lounge on 25 June so keep the date open and bring your ward pal along.

Water Varieties Show Is Scheduled

Oak Knollites who were here last January will have an opportunity on 4 June to see a repeat performance of one of the top entertainment features of the year, The Water Varieties of 1951.

The show, which was also presented here in January, is coming back with water ballet acts, diving exhibitions and comedy teams which are certain to please any audience. Rumor has it that the show is far superior to the January presentation because the troupe has been performing and improving since that time.

The Water Varieties will be brought back to the hospital through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Art Olsen of the Athens Club, and it promises to be a stellar exhibition of aquatic skill and daring.

At the show in January an audience of more than 200 persons crowded the available space around the station swimming pool, and those who saw the performance wanted to see it again.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

20 May

WATSON, Richard David, to the wife of
Walter Watson, HMC, 9 pounds, 12 ounces.
COMPTZ, Ronald Christopher, to the wife
of Ronald Comptz, HM2, 7 pounds, 5

21 May

OSIELLO, Boy, to wife of Frank Ausiello,
HMC, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

22 May

MYTON, Loretta Ginger, to wife of James
Myton, AMAN, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
PHILLIPPE, James Logan, to wife of
Robert Philippe, OM2, 8 pounds, 11

23 May

SMITH, Lynn Renee, to wife of Stanley
Smith, Pfc, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
GODS, Richard Lewis, to wife of Brad-
ley Woods, Cpl, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

24 May

ERROLL, John Christopher, to wife of
John Carroll, Sgt, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
ANDERS, Robert Allen, to wife of
Woodrow Saunders, AA, 7 pounds, 7

25 May

EMMON, Brenda Sue, to wife of Harry
Emmon, AN, 5 pounds, 7 ounces.
LIMON, Boy, to wife of Robert Gulmon,
TDCR, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

26 May

NEAL, Harry Smith Jr., to wife of Harry
Neal, SN, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

27 May

MITCHELL, Bruce McCoy, to wife of
Joseph Mitchell, SD3, 7 pounds.
ANTANA, Arthur Raymond Jr., to wife
of Arthur Antana, SN, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

28 May

VEE, William Harrison Jr., to wife of Wil-
liam Vee, AD2, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
WATSON, Mark Lee, to wife of Norbert
Watson, LTJG, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

29 May

STERN, Girl, to wife of Melvin Stern,
FN2, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
ROCCO, Boy, to wife of Jack Rocco, SN,
6 pounds, 3 ounces.

30 May

ROMA, Girl, to wife of Juan Roma, SD2,
5 pounds, 3 ounces.
ENGELMAN, Harry Benjamin, to wife of
John Engelman, AMC, 7 pounds, 12

31 May

THOMPSON, William Claude, to wife of
Wayne Thompson, DT3, 7 pounds, 11

1 June

CARTER, Debra Jean, to wife of William
Carter, LTJG, 4 pounds 15 ounces.
HERBERT, Linda Rose, to wife of Mark
Herbert, YN3, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

2 June

ANDERSON, Rebecca Lynn, to wife of
George Anderson, QMSN, 8 pounds, 2

3 June

BURTON, Gordon Wayne, to wife of
Richard Burton, Cpl, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
DELAUGHTER, Ronal Morris, to wife
of Frederic De Laughter, AL3, 7 pounds,

4 June

LAJINESS, Robert Allen, to wife of Rob-
ert Lajiness, FN2, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
HASKILL, Larry William, to wife of
Walter Haskill, EN2, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

25 May

ROCKWELL, Boy, to wife of John Rock-
well Jr., CDR, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
STEPHENS, Boy, to wife of Luther
Stephens, SN, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

26 May

JOHNSON, Lumont, to wife of Julius
Johnson, SN, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
RICHARDSON, Rhonda Kay, to wife of
Donald Richardson, PNSN, 7 pounds, 4

27 May

DOYLE, Patricia Kay, to wife of Frederick
Doyle, Bm2, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
OSMUNDSEN, Kris Leif, to wife of Wil-
liam Osmundsen, Pfc, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

28 May

CHUN, Boy, to wife of William Chun, AD2,
6 pounds, 14 ounces.
RODKE, Michael Scott, to wife of Larry
Rodke, EM2, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

29 May

ROSELLI, Julie Ann, to wife of Robert
Roselli, AMC, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
LONG, Charles Ratrik, to wife of Walter
Long, Ch PClk, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

30 May

WATTLES, Larry Garland, to wife of Gar-
land Wattles, AA, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
BAPTIE, Sandra Jean, to wife of Charles
Baptie, HMC, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

31 May

TANNER, Bonita Ann, to wife of Jacob
Tanner, 4 pounds, 14 ounces.
SACCA, James Louis Jr., to wife of James
Sacca, Sgt, 4 pounds, 4 ounces.

1 June

FRITSCH, Boy, to wife of Edward Fritsch,
LTJG, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
O'HEARN, Patricia Jean, to wife of Charles
O'Hearn, LT, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

2 June

POTTER, Gail Elizabeth, to wife of Horace
Potter, LTJG, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

3 June

ABLES, Roberta Louise, to wife of Robert
Ables, MM3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
VAN ETEN, George Edward, to wife of
George Van Eten, FN, 7 pounds, 15

4 June

JANSSENS, Kimorhy Martin, to wife of
Edward Janssens, BT1, 9 pounds, 3

Fagan Is Marshal Of Rodeo Parade

Cpl Thad C. Fagan, USMC, of Ward 74A, is Grand Marshalling at the Dairy Fiesta and Rodeo Parade, at Tulare this week end.

Fagan, who was wounded in Korea, was invited by the Tulare Chamber of Commerce to be its guest of honor for the festivities, which include a beauty contest, and various activities.

Staff Personalities

A relative newcomer to Oak Knoll but long in experience with the Navy is Miss Amelia Kosach, civilian secretary at Surgery II. Miss Kosach has been at Oak Knoll only two months, but prior to that had been employed for approximately seven years at the San Francisco Naval Shipyard. During the last four years of that period she was secretary to the director of the U.S. Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory there. Miss Kosach, who lives in Oakland, is a native Californian, and to use her words, she is "proud of it." Her hobbies are typical of California. Leisure time activities consist of horseback riding, tennis, swimming and rowing. In Surgery II her duties consist of taking dictation from the doctors and keeping records in order.



Radio man, teacher, author, hero—any of those words fit Frank M. Campbell, HM1, USNR, whom you will probably meet if you go to the Oak Knoll Hospital library. Campbell was awarded the Navy Cross during World War II when he devised a plan whereby a tank could be used for a shield while evacuating wounded under fire. In civilian life Campbell was a writer for Radio Station KSMO, and taught in the radio department at his alma mater, San Mateo Junior College. In November a book written by Campbell and entitled, "Small Independents," will be published. It concerns the radio industry. Called back to active duty in April, Campbell plans to return to San Mateo and his radio work when he returns to inactive duty.



"When I joined the Navy I joined for a steady job," says John B. Cunningham, HMC. And apparently Chief Cunningham is satisfied with the choice he made 14 years ago. He is shown above being congratulated by CAPT I. L. V. Norman, Executive Officer, after signing over for another six-year hitch. "At the time I joined I didn't even know about pensions," said Chief Cunningham, referring to the twenty years of service he will have at the end of this enlistment. Chief Cunningham, who has been at Oak Knoll since February, 1949, spends his working hours at the laboratory. Asked what duty he has enjoyed most during his fourteen years in the Navy, the chief listed duty aboard transports, including the U.S.S. William P. Biddle, the Mare Island Dispensary and, of course, Oak Knoll.

WELCOME AND FAREWELL

Coming and goings at Oak Knoll among staff members swung back to normal during the past week with 27 persons reporting aboard for duty and 18 detached. The previous week the transfers outnumbered the number of persons reporting.

Reporting aboard were LT A. R. Kubicz, NC, USNR, from inactive duty; LT M. S. Bowman, MC, USN, from Saipan district; ENS A. A. Kalista, NC, USNR, from Great Lakes Naval Hospital; L. J. Henney, HMC, from FMF; J. F. Anderson, HMC, from FMF; HM1's D. E. Soules from FMF, and F. M. Hicks, R. A. Hogan, H. F. Shull and J. H. Ingram, all from USNRECSTA, Treasure Island.

HM2's W. R. Murphy from FMF; J. W. Wagner, E. White and K. E. Bylund from USNRECSTA, Treasure Island, and L. E. Patton from U.S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md.; and HM3's O. L. Fischer, G. J. Rodriguez, F. G. Walter, G. E. Albert, E. M. Smyth, A. B. Williams, L. F. Wittler, F. Penbrock, T. G. Plews and J. H. Rempe, all from USNRECSTA, Treasure Island; K. L. Agsten from FMF and W. VanBlaricorn from NAS, Moffett Field, California.

Detached were CAPT H. J. Chapman, MC, USN, to U.S. Naval Hospital, Corona, Calif.; LT F. R. Kissinger, NC, USN, to U.S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; LTJG C. D. Miller, MC, USNR, and LTJG T. R. Fowler, MC, USNR, both to Camp LeJeune, N. C.; LTJG R. Johansen, MC, USNR, and LTJG H. J. Schneider, MC, USNR, both to FMF, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

HM1's J. M. Osborn, to recruiting duty in Arkansas; E. D. Vaughan and D. L. Adams, to FMF, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; HM2's R. P. Bern to NMSD, Oakland, and D. K. Welch to FMF, Camp Pendleton; HM3's R. A. Hermanson, H. N. Goodmanson,

D. W. Gerlits and H. P. Schaffer, all to FMF, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; and HN's R. Godwin to the Territory of Hawaii; T. J. Ambrose to FMFPAC, and J. F. Huff to FMF, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Captain's Daughter Scholarship Winner

Captain Dickinson, Chief of Surgery, is not the only one in his family who has gotten ahead in his field. This week Bay Area newspapers carried the news that his step-daughter, Persis Gearing, is one of the winners in a national contest sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. A member of the graduating class at Anna Head School in Berkeley, Persis entered the competition among 41,000 students in 1150 prep schools in the United States and Hawaii. She earned a silver medal in Northern California and tied for National second place in French III. Examinations included taking dictation, reading a passage in French, translating it, and answering questions on French History and civilization.

But still more important to Persis is the \$1200 Pendleton scholarship to Wellesley that she has been awarded. She is one of two students in the Far West to receive the grant. When asked if she would use the scholarship to continue her French studies, she replied, "No, I'm not really much interested in French—Maybe I'll major in history."

Muncie, Ind. (AFPS)—County fair officials received an envelope containing 60 cents and the following note: "Along with others, I went through a hole in the fence. I am enclosing my fare."

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

TRAVIS TREK: Nosing about Travis AFB a week end or so ago, I encountered lots of Knollites who are on TAD among the "Fly-fly" boys. Basking in the sun at the Base pool were Bob Rains and Bob Harrison. — Dancing a lilting samba at the NCO Club was Howie Walling. — Dick Sidener and his Marilou were swapping jokes at a nearby table. — Charlie Metcalf and his Mrs. plus a score of other swabbies at the table formed a blue oasis in a desert of khaki. — Pete Hatch wouldn't calm down until the orchestra played his favorite, "Missouri Waltz." — Hank Wong and Dick Ludden were spotted during the day loading planes with evacuees. — Bill Jones and Bill Booth, both awaiting flights east, couldn't be pried from the Air Force's Mess Hall. — John Metzler was on his way for a week end in L.A. — Whenever they hear "What's the Skinny, men?" the Travis crowd knows that Ensign Phelps isn't far away.

STUFF 'N STUFF: Marge Miller wants to get in good with the California Chamber of Commerce, so she's spending every spare minute of the day in the sun so when she goes home to Florida, they'll know she's been in sunny old California. — Hope Sink says "Old Salts Never Die. They Just Float Away." — Dean Gilley and Marilyn Kirkpatrick, two Jayhawkers, are tying the knot. — Staff Personnel's Bob Belcher gets his kicks dancing at Larkspur's outdoor Pavilion. — Lillian Chinn is camping down by Santa Cruz. — My "Sparrow in the Treetop" says she'll also stop by Bakersfield for a rendezvous. — That heart-warming laugh in the Record Office belongs to Bertha "Mae" Durrant. — Bill Murphy comes from Durham, and that's no Bull (oh well, I tried). — Gertie Patterson keeps the Disbursing Office alive with flowers from the huge garden that came with her new house. — Evelyn Cadeaux weekendend in Lake County. — Chief Branson purrs all day long. In a few days he'll be stationed in Monterey, and he lives in Carmel, a stone's throw away. — The girl's ball team is chipping in for a Greyhound for Francis Le Cocq. It seems she just can't make it to first base.

LILY LAW: My friend Tom Raum, Wichita's ex-District Attorney, and now a promising HN, has been meandering through the California Penal Code and has discovered that "Every person who shall willfully and maliciously burn any pile of potatoes or beans, is subject to imprisonment in the State prison for not less than one nor more than four years." (Commissary No. 1, BEWARE.) — "Any person who adulterates or dilutes any spiritous or malt liquor, or wine, is guilty of a misdemeanor." (Serves them right). — "It shall be unlawful to throw, drop, pour, release or discharge tear gas or Mustard gas in any theater" (Well, boys will be boys) — "In the State of Kansas, it's against the law to hire any child under the age of fourteen years, as a tight-rope walker." (O.K. Kid, let's see your I.D. Card).



Central Supply is a busy place at Oak Knoll, as these pictures show. At upper left, E. Estrada, HN, left, and R. C. Stover, HN, prepare local anesthesia trays for sterilization. In the center, above, LT E. E. Smith, NC, USN, Supervisor of Central Supply, accepts supplies from HN W. Webb, corpsman on 44A. At upper right D. B. Miller, HN, draws supplies for dependents' wards from D. L. Henderson, HM3. At lower left, the entire Central Supply crew is shown preparing supplies for use on the wards. Around the table, left to right, are A. S. Childs, HM3; Estrada; D. A. Desler, HM3; M. L. Aldano, HM3; and Henderson, and in the background are Stover, left, and R. R. Wilmes, HN. At lower right, Desler pushes a large tray of supplies into one of the three autoclaves for sterilization.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 3 June

FRANCIS GOES TO THE RACES—Donald O'Connor, Piper Laurie, COMEDY. Yes, Francis does it again. This time at the race track, where the plot involves gamblers, race track police, and the racing association, and O'Connor's attempts to save the day for Piper Laurie and her stable owning grandpa. Francis ends up psychoanalyzing a second rate horse (female horse, that is), to set things up for a hilarious ending. Rated as excellent at a sneak preview.

Monday, 4 June

BEWARE OF BLONDIE—Penny Singleton, Arthur Lake, COMEDY. A Columbia release that came out last fall, and seems to go right along with the currently popular "Blondie" series. There is no synopsis of the picture available, but has been rated as only fair by audiences.

Tuesday, 5 June

THE GUY WHO CAME BACK—Paul Douglas, Joan Bennett, DRAMA. This picture will not be released to the public until July, but so far has been rated as good. Paul Douglas plays an ex-professional football player who has been turned down by the Navy, and being dejected, he sees his unhappy life in retrospect. His wife is played by Joan Bennett, and the other woman by Linda Darnell, and between the two of them, Paul is finally back on his feet with a Navy Commission and his self-respect regained. Pre-release audiences rate this as good.

Wednesday, 6 June

SILVER CANYON—Gene Autry, WESTERN. This one is either too new, or too old. There are no reviews, or no information available on the picture. However, Gene Autry never fails to please the movie-goers with fast action and homespun western song.

Thursday, 7 June

THREE STEPS NORTH—Lloyd Bridges, Lea Padovani, DRAMA. To be released to the public in about three weeks. No information, and no reviews available.

Friday, 8 June

FABIOLA—Michele Morgan, Henri Vidal, DRAMA. To be released the first part of this month, with no advance reviews or information available. This picture is recommended, however, on the ability of Miss Morgan and Mr. Vidal, to give the public the best in motion picture acting.

Saturday, 9 June

SUNSET BOULEVARD—Gloria Swanson, William Holden, MELODRAMA. This picture has been rated as one of the best

Central Supply Is Vital Part Of Care, Treatment at Hospital

A very necessary part of any hospital—and this is especially true at Oak Knoll—is Central Supply, where all dressings, syringes, needles and countless other items needed in the care of the sick are sterilized, cleaned, sharpened, or, in short, kept ready for constant use.

The Central Supply department at Oak Knoll, under the direction of LT E. E. Smith, NC, USN, operates on a 24-hour day, and in addition to supplying all the ordinary needs of the wards, is also prepared to give instant attention to emergency needs.

All sterile supplies, dressings, solutions, treatment trays, needles, syringes, rubber gloves, etc., that are needed throughout the hospital are processed by LT Smith's crew, consisting of LTJG L. Waugh, NC, USNR; A. S. Childs, HM3; E. Estrada, HN; D. A. Desler, HM3; M. L. Aldano, HM3; D. L. Henderson, HM3; R. C.

Stover, HN, and R. R. Wilmes, HN, and two night corpsmen, C. L. Pace, HM3, and R. Monte, HM3.

In addition to providing sterile supplies, the department also issues all other dressings and supervises the oxygen supply for the entire hospital.

LT Smith has high praise for the assistance given the department by other units, such as the Red Cross, church groups in the surrounding community, and the local Navy Mothers Club. These groups give invaluable help to the department in folding dressings.

"Cleanliness is uppermost in our minds here," LT Smith stated. "There is a lot of dishwashing and sterilizing done here." But she indicated that corpsmen working in Central Supply are good at these chores; in fact, all of them asked for that job because of the knowledge that "can be gained there in regard to hospital supplies."

New Orleans (AFPS)—Civil defense authorities are worried about a new "high school sweetheart" custom. Instead of boys and girls exchanging rings, they're swapping their civil defense identification tags.

Jackson, Miss. (AFPS)—A civil committee has requested a ban on raising chickens within the city limits. Interrupts defense workers sleep, they claim.

New York (AFPS)—A horse named Johnny stumbled into a station wagon and from all appearances broke his leg. A reluctant policeman put two mercy bullets between the horse's eyes. Johnny got up, wobbled back to his stable and ate a load of hay. He'll recover.

to come out of Hollywood. Miss Swanson portrays an ex-movie queen who cannot realize she has passed the peak of her career. She takes under her wing a young writer, who she thinks can love her, and proceeds to try a comeback. The writer, played by William Holden, merely is interested in a meal-ticket, and is finally murdered when Miss Swanson loses her mind. The picture is rated as excellent by all reviewers.



Here are just a few of the happy couples that attended the Staff Dance at the Enlisted Men's Club on Friday, 21 May. Much in evidence at the affair were the corsages presented to each wife or girl friend in attendance. Gathered around the table at left, having a coke while waiting for the dancing to begin are, left to right, Jeff Weddle, Norma and Frank Summers, Russ Beiris, Carol McElroy and Betty Beiris. At right, above, are two more Oak Knoll couples, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Welch and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Williams.

Dance in E.M. Lounge Shows Off New Hospital Dance Combo

They came early—and they stayed late. And they jammed the Enlisted Men's Club to near capacity for the Staff Party and Dance on Friday, 25 May.

When the party started at 2030 the place was full of people and when the Oak Knoll Dance Combo started beating it out about 2100 the crowd surged to the dance floor in full force. It was the first public appearance of the combo, organized and directed by Paul Miller, HM2, and the little group made a big hit with everyone who attended by playing a good mixture of sweet and hot.

Members of the group, in addition to Miller, who presided at the drums, were Fred Glasslee on the trumpet, T. W. Manion at the piano, J. L. Proper at the bass, D. A. Gilley on the trombone and D. F. Ramsey on the tenor sax.

Three of the busiest persons at the party were the men dispensing the refreshments. Hard at work for the entire evening on this detail were W. V. Johnson, Bill Evans and Tom Moore.

At the end of the evening they had lost all count of how many soft drinks, pretzels and potato chips had been consumed by the thirsty

and hungry crowd. The place was filled with eager party-goers a half-hour before the occasion got underway and after that there was never an empty spot until the affair came to a close.

The staff members attending the party were unstinting in their praise of the job done by Welfare and Recreation in organizing and handling the dance and by Miller and his group in providing music.

New Service Center Open in San Francisco

San Francisco (AFPS) — Service Personnel visiting San Francisco will find it easier to get around town if they check with the new Canteen opened by the American Women's Volunteer Services.

Located at 207 Powell Street, the canteen features, in addition to general information, a snack bar, library, sewing service and writing accommodations.

It is open from 1000 to 2200 daily.

All the animals came on the ark in pairs—except the worms. They came in apples.



Playing it sweet and hot at the Enlisted Men's Party and Dance at the station club on Friday, 18 May, is the station dance combo organized by Paul Miller. Members of the group are, left to right: Fred Glasslee, trumpet; D. A. Gilley, trombone; Miller, drums; T. W. Manion, piano, and J. L. Proper, bass. The group was later joined by D. F. Ramsey, tenor sax man. The dance was the first public appearance of the group and consensus of those attending the party was that the orchestra was one of the bright spots of the affair. It is hoped that the combo will be featured at another station dance soon.

Active Service Will Not Affect Vets' Schooling

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—War veterans who have interrupted their government financed studies and returned to active military service may continue training after discharge, even though they get out after the July 25 deadline.

A Veterans' Administration announcement adds that such veterans need not have interrupted their training specifically to go back into uniform in order to resume training after the deadline. However, he must have been making satisfactory progress.

In all cases, training must be resumed within a reasonable period after the return to civilian life, and must be completed by July 25, 1956, the V.A. said.

The July 25, 1951, date for beginning training applies to World War II veterans discharged from service before July 25, 1947. Those discharged after that time have four years from the date of discharge in which to begin training.

The V.A. also announced that veterans who get their college diplomas this spring and who plan to take graduate work in the fall must apply

Knollites Invited To Dress Rehearsal

Patients and staff members at Oak Knoll will have an opportunity to see the stage show "Guys and Dolls" free tomorrow night, 3 June, at the Curran Theatre in San Francisco.

Sponsored by the San Francisco Civic Light Opera, personnel at Oak Knoll have been invited to attend the dress rehearsal of the show, which is scheduled to begin regular performances on 4 June.

Anyone wishing to attend the rehearsal must provide his own transportation, but is asked to sign up at Welfare and Recreation in order that the sponsors may know how many to expect.

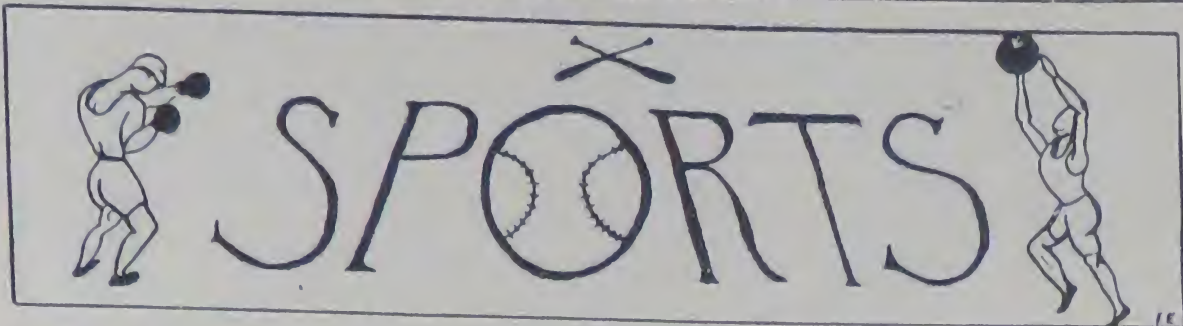
"Guys and Dolls," based on a story and characters by Damon Runyon, is staged by George S. Kaufman. Music and lyrics are by Frank Loesser, the book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows, and the dances and musical numbers are staged by Michael Kidd.

Some people itch for what they want when they should be scratching for it.

now, before they graduate, in order to go ahead with the advanced studies after the July 25 deadline.



"So then Doctor, this Corpsman says, 'Go get yourself a few more stripes, bub, then I'll talk to ya'"



Night Corpsmen Team Winners As Hospital Bowling Series Ends

The Night Crew's bowling team emerged triumphant in the Intra-Hospital Bowling series the past week as the series came to end. The Night Crew piled up an enviable record of 35 games won while losing only five, for an average of .875.

In second place the M.A.A. team came through when 31 wins compared to nine losses to amass an average of .775. In third place was the Physiotherapy team, among the top place teams throughout the series, which finished with a 27-13 record for an average of .675.

On down the list of teams, the wins, losses and averages read like this: Record Office, 26-14, .650; Nurses,

23-17, .575; Artificial Limb Department, 19-21, .475; N.P. Department, 19-21, .475; C.P.O.'s, 16-24, .400; X-Ray Department, 11-29, .275; Commissary, 7-33, .175, and Women Dependents, 2-38, .050.

There was little doubt as to the outcome of the series as the high-riding Night Crew team rode roughshod over all opponents. Never very far behind, however, were the M.A.A.'s, the Physiotherapy crew and the Record Office.

The Nurses, in gaining fifth place in the final series standing, managed to nose out the Artificial Limb and N.P. Departments, who finished in a dead heat for sixth and seventh.

KNOLL BASEBALLERS HIT BY NSC OAKLAND

A last-inning rally by the Oak Knoll baseballers fell short of its mark in a game played Tuesday as the Hospital team lost to NSC, Oakland, by a score of 4 to 2.

Three singles in the ninth frame, one each by Tamborski, Amos and Jellich, pushed across the two runs for the home team and spoiled the no-hitter fashioned by NSC twirler Stupbach up to that point.

The four runs gained by the NSC team came off eight hits garnered from the offerings of Oak Knoll pitcher Haile. It was Haile's first appearance on the mound for the Oak Knoll team.

However, none of the NSC hits went for extra bases.

Thursday, 31 May, the Oak Knollers were scheduled to go against Two-Rock Ranch Station at the home field at 1400.

Varsity Softball Team Takes Over

Oak Knoll's varsity softball team on Monday, 28 May, walked away with a 10 to 4 victory over the Western Sea Frontier crew in a 12th Naval District league game played at Treasure Island.

Hinds, pitcher for the Hospital team, was given good support by his teammates, who smashed out 13 hits during the seven innings, while the Sea Frontier crew managed only six bingles.

Barnes was the big stick for the Oak Knollers, getting a double and home run in four times at bat. Four other Oak Knollers also batted .500 for the day. Webb smashed a triple and a single in four times at bat, while Wong, Hillan and Hinds came through with two singles each. Young smashed out one hit, a double, while Pearsall also accounted for a single.

The third and fourth innings were the big ones for the winners. The Oak Knoll crew scored three runs on four hits in each inning.

Parker went the route on the mound for the Sea Frontier team.

The varsity softballers have two home games scheduled for the next week. On Monday, 4 June, they will play NAS Oakland, and on Wednesday, 6 June, they meet Treasure Island Receiving Ship Ship's Company, both 12th Naval District league games.

Many Activities Planned For Week's Entertainment

Welfare and Recreation informs us that a variety of events will be taking place this week.

On Saturday 2 June, (tonight) there will be tickets available to see the All-Star High School basketball game sponsored by the American Legion. Sign up at Welfare and Rec. "Guys and Dolls" is on the schedule for tomorrow night, "Water Follies of 1951," Monday night, June 7 will see the Oaks vs. the San Francisco Seals, and tickets are available. Sign up at Welfare and Recreation.



Oak Knoll's baseball team pitching squad is shown above taking a few practice throws in a warm-up before a game during the past week. The hurler, from left to right, are R. L. Haile, C. C. Bournellis, J. A. Winchester and S. F. Tamborsky, who is just ready to deliver a fast ball across the plate.



Oak Knoll's entry in the 12th Naval District's Women's Softball league got together for a group picture before a game last week. Members of the team are Nurses and Waves stationed at the hospital. The team is captained by LTJG D. M. Holtberg, NC, USN. Miss Holtberg says that although the team has lost the two league games played up to the first of last week, a better record is expected before the season ends. This week the team played Treasure Island on Tuesday and the Hamilton Field WAFFS on Thursday. Members of the team shown above are, back row, left to right: F. R. Kissinger, B. Scheidt, M. L. Larson, S. M. Bailey, A. E. Smith, A. J. Lofland, S. A. Lambros, B. J. Warden and W. L. Shelton; front row: M. White, B. M. Bayers, Miss Holtberg, F. R. Jones and J. F. Cox.

Oak Knoll Nurses Lose 2 Games In 12ND Softball League

Oak Knoll's Nurses' softball team dropped two games in 12th Naval District Women's Softball league action during the past week.

On Thursday, 24 May, the Hospital team fell victim to the San Francisco Marines by the lopsided score of 17 to 7, and on Tuesday, 29 May, again lost, this time to the Treasure Island Waves by a count of 16-6.

Beverly Scheidt was the pitcher for the Treasure Island game.

However, the Oak Knoll team will have a chance to gain in league standings when they meet the Camp Stoneman Wacs on 7 June.

On Thursday, May 31, the Hospital women's team was scheduled to go against the Hamilton Air Force Base Wafs.

In Intra-Hospital Softball league action the high-flying C.P.O. team racked up two wins during the past week, while the Record Office team was losing two.

The C.P.O. crew first took the measure of the Surgery II crew in

winning an easy one by the score of 13-4, and on 24 May won over the Record Office aggregation by the count of 11 to 5.

Not to be outdone, the N.P. squad in the other Intra-Hospital league game in the first part of the week also downed the Record Office crew 13-3.

Several Intra-Hospital league tilts were scheduled for the latter part of the week.

On Thursday the Officers were set to play Surgery II, while on Friday the Civil Service team was scheduled to play a make-up game with the Dependents.

During the next week the following games are scheduled in the hospital league: Monday, 4 June, N.P. Department versus Surgery II, Tuesday, 5 June, Record Office versus Laboratory; Wednesday, 6 June, Civil Service Girls versus Officers, and Thursday, 7 June, Independents versus Chiefs.

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Songstress Margaret Whiting is shown acknowledging the applause which greeted her return engagement at Oak Knoll last week. Miss Whiting presented a half-hour program of songs and chatter at the hospital auditorium. Seated at the piano is her accompanist, Leo Dukehorn of San Francisco.

'Madcap Maggie' Brings 2nd Show To Oak Knoll

Song-stylist Margaret Whiting played a return engagement at Oak Knoll Hospital Thursday, 31 May, and, as before, found an enthusiastic audience on hand to see her show.

Miss Whiting, appearing with the assistance of her accompanist, Leo Dukehorn, in a half-hour performance of songs and patter met all the expectations of her pleased listeners.

SONGS AND PATTERN

Her songs ranged from "St. Louis Blues" to "It Might As Well Be Spring," and included such all-time favorites as "It's Wonderful," "You're Marvelous," "I Get A Kick Out Of You," "Tennessee Waltz" and a new one, "Too Young."

PLANS TO RETURN

Presenting her program in the Oak Knoll auditorium, the Capitol recording artist was unable to visit the wards as she had done on an earlier visit because of a television appearance. However, she said she planned to return in a few months, at which time she hopes to visit all the wards.

Miss Whiting is currently appearing in the Venetian Room of the Fairmont Hotel with Jimmy Dorsey and his orchestra and twice a week flies to Los Angeles to appear on the Jack Smith Radio Show.

Clothing Price Hike Explained

Reasons for increased cost of Navy clothing at small stores were listed in a recent Navy Department Bulletin joint letter.

The letter, directed to all ships and stations, stated:

"Increased prices (in Navy clothing for enlisted men) have been due to a drastic increase to the Navy in the costs of wool, cotton and leather goods, and to a new Department of Defense pricing policy which requires that prices be based on replacement costs.

"This new policy results in more rapid increases during a period of rising costs but also brings more rapid decreases during a cost decline and promises sounder financing of clothing operations."

The letter went on to point out that the cost to the Navy of wool melton used in dress jumpers has risen from \$3.22 to \$8.10 a yard, kersey used in the peacoat from \$5.45 to \$13.62 a yard and cotton sheeting used in mattress covers from 22 to 43 cents per yard, other costs rising proportionately.

"The former prices partially reflect the cost of materials procured during the last war and which are now virtually exhausted, while the latter prices reflect actual costs in today's market," the letter stated.

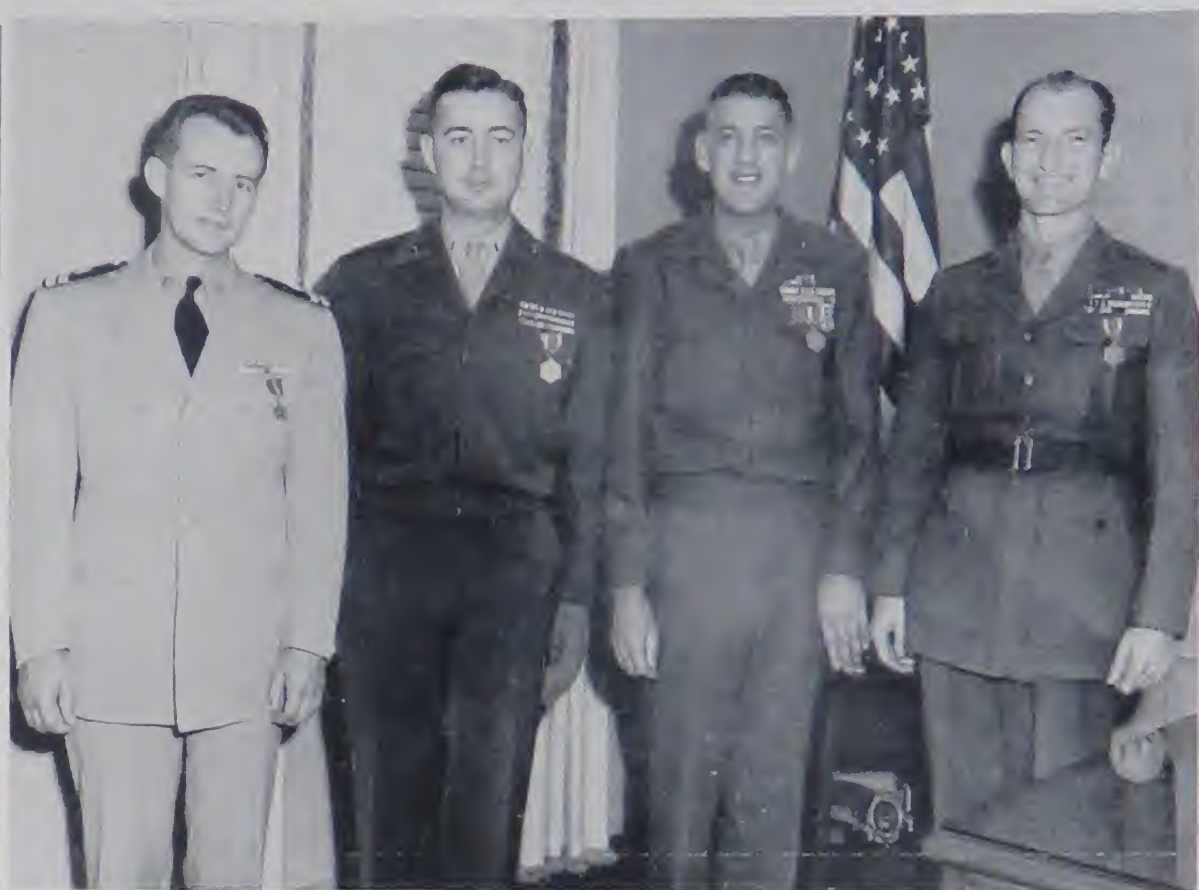
It was also pointed out that the allowance for a full sea bag has been increased from \$118.35 to \$254.75, while monthly basic clothing allowances have risen from \$3.60 to \$5.10 and standard maintenance allowances from \$4.20 to \$7.20.

"Efforts are continuing to develop clothing and small stores articles of equal or better quality made of less expensive materials," the letter said. "As such articles are approved for use, prices will be reduced accordingly. The new pricing policy insures that as soon as the Navy can obtain materials at lower cost, the price of clothing will be reduced."

THOMAS R. NEWSOM ACCEPTS GUAM POST

Thomas R. Newsom, Personnel Assistant, announced this week that he will resign from the position he has held here since 2 May 1948 to accept a job as Placement Officer at the Navy Establishment on Guam and will leave Oak Knoll around the first of July.

Mrs. Newsom, who is now on the nursing staff at the Veterans Administration Hospital in downtown Oakland, has accepted an administrative position in the clinic there and will accompany her husband.



Service awards were presented Friday, 1 June, to ten Korean campaign veterans, one a staff doctor, the others patients at Oak Knoll. The awards were presented by CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, Commanding Officer. Shown above are four of the men who received medals. They are, left to right: LTJG Howard P. Greaves, MC, USNR (Staff), Ogden, Utah, winner of the Bronze Star Medal; Second LT Byron L. Magness, USMC, Fayetteville, Ark.; M/SGT Grant A. Reilly, USMC, Glenwood, Wash., and CPL Joseph L. Smedley, USMC, Oakland, Calif., all winners of the Commendation Medal. In addition, two men were presented a Gold Star in lieu of a second Purple Heart Medal, and four men were awarded Purple Heart Medals.

Ceremonies Mark Presentation Of Medals to Korea Veterans

Ten Korean War Veterans, now patients at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital received awards from CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, at special ceremonies on 1 June.

LTJG Howard P. Greaves, MC, USNR, was presented the Bronze Star Medal "For meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy while serving with a Marine infantry regiment in Korea during the period 27 November to 4 December 1950."

The citation read in part: "Without regard for his own personal safety or fatigue, he (LTJG Greaves) worked long arduous hours, often under heavy enemy fire, to administer medical aid and comfort to casualties of his regiment. Although ill himself for several days during this period, he assumed direction and control of evacuation by air of the seriously wounded and the severe cases of frostbite."

Commendation Medals were presented to 2nd LT Byron Magness, USMC, M/SGT Grant A. Reilly, USMC, and CPL Joseph L. Smedley, USMC.

LT Magness' citation stated: "Through his professional leadership and sound technical knowledge of infantry tactics, he was able to accomplish all missions assigned his platoon in an expeditious and efficient manner. He was directly instru-

mental in maintaining the high morale of his platoon. . ."

The citation for M/SGT Reilly's commendation said: "By his tireless efforts, the battalion was able to keep constant contact with higher and lower echelons which materially contributed to the success achieved by the battalion and set an example for all who observed him."

The citation of CPL Smedley stated:

"During the amphibious landing and attack on Wulmi-do Island, Korea, Cpl. Smedley, serving as a member of a mine removal and disposal team, without regard for his own personal safety, continuously exposed himself to heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire to remove anti-personnel mines in his appointed sector, thereby removing these hazards from the attacking infantry, and laid a roadblock consisting of anti-tank mines ahead of the infantry across the causeway leading to Inchon, Korea."

Two casualties, PFC Alfonso A. Carrano, USMC, and CPL John W. Corbin, USMC, were awarded Gold Stars in lieu of the second Purple Heart Medal at the ceremonies.

Purple Heart Medals were awarded to CPL Jack A. Butler Jr., USMCR; Dale O'Neal, Jr., BM2, USN; Richard J. Paulson, PFC, USMC, and Paul Welliver, Jr., PFC, USMCR.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"Of Earth, Earth, Earth, hear the word of the Lord!" Jeremiah 22:29.

How patient and gracious is the God of the Bible! From the beginning of the human race, He has been speaking and calling to the children of men. Yet so few will ever listen, and among those who do, only a small proportion give heed or obey.

It seems a little strange that the God of heaven and earth should be willing to plead and command men to hear and heed His word. But graciously He still cries, "Oh Earth, Earth, Earth, hear the word of the Lord!"

Perhaps one reason men refuse to listen to God's word is that the first thing God tells them is that they are guilty and condemned sinners—"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God"—Romans 3:23, and "the wages of sin is death"—Romans 6:23. Men do not like to be told that—it hurts their pride. But proud self-righteousness is one of man's greatest sins. "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble." James 4:6.

If men would only continue to hear the word of the Lord, however, they would learn of His wonderful forgiving love and mercy. The very verse which begins, "The wages of sin is death," ends by saying, "but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Hear, too, His gracious promise, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

Will you not listen, then, and respond to His merciful invitation, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

"Oh Earth, Earth, Earth, hear the word of the Lord!"

LCDR E. L. WADE,
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DAILY MASSES — 0645 & 1150

Confessions before Mass

NOVENA DEVOTIONS AND

CHOIR PRACTICE:

TUESDAY 1900

Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN

CHAPEL & 40A

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE — 40A

MORMON SERVICE: SUNDAY 0930

in Staff Conference Room,

Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON

SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

"Post Service" Term Insurance Plan Is Outlined For Veterans

Eligible veterans who served in the Armed Forces since the start of the Korean campaign may apply after discharge for the new post-service term insurance provided by the Insurance Act of 1951, Veterans Administration announced recently.

No medical examination is required for this insurance.

To be eligible, veterans must have been entitled to indemnity protection under the Indemnity Act of 1951 and must have been ordered into active service for a period in excess of 30 days. This would include veterans ordered into active service who were in service on 27 June 1950 and those entering on or after that date.

The other requirement is that they must apply in writing to VA for this insurance within 120 days after their separation from service. The appli-

cation must be accompanied by the correct premium.

The new insurance is in the form of a five-year level premium term contract that is renewable every five years at the premium rate for the then-attained age. This insurance may not be converted to any permanent plan of insurance, and no dividends will be paid on it.

The insurance may be applied for in any amount from \$1,000 to \$10,000 in multiples of \$500. A veteran may not carry at any one time an amount of Government life insurance in excess of \$10,000.

Applications for the new insurance are to be forwarded to: Central Office, Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D.C., and premiums mailed to the same office until otherwise notified.

Red Cross Ramblings



A NEW COMBO has been formed at the Red Cross Lounge, and is beating out rhythms for dancing on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. George Sistrunk, AM3, USN, of Ward 83B is the guitar player and can play them either hillbilly or "sweet." T. H. Freeman, BMG1, USNR, of Ward 82B beats out on the "dog house" with turns and flourishes while Pfc. George Woodworth USMC, of Ward 42A plays the trumpet. Woodworth played with bands back in Springfield, Mo., prior to his entry into the Marines and is now practicing to return after his discharge to a musical career. Bennie Abbott, RM3, USN, of Ward 48A carries the tempo on the traps. John Ludwig, BTC, USN, of Ward 82B, who has had many years' experience in the entertainment world and has played with name bands, plays many of the string instruments. His repertoire runs from jazz to jitterbug and he has been an active leader in the combo and jam sessions in the Lounge while a patient here. He leaves soon for his discharge after 24 years service in the Navy. Mrs. Ronada Robinson, Red Cross Recreation Gray Lady, assisted the men in setting up their instruments and arranging their music for them.

CHESS PLAYERS NOTE

Check these dates on the June Calendar for tournament play. All matches begin at 1830 and will be held in the Red Cross Lounge (Building 32).

June 11—San Leandro Chess Club.

June 18—Cutter Laboratories.

June 19—Letterman General Hospital at Letterman.

ERNIE BARTHOLOMEW of Ward 76A has proven beyond a doubt that he has played a great many games and has scored the highest number of points for the month of May and thereby is the recipient of the prizes offered each month by the Red Cross Chess Club. He anticipates meeting more of the bed patients who are listed on the hospital chess roster. Are you interested in chess? We will be glad to teach you if you are a novice and should you desire some pointers, let us know.

BOON DOCKS

Have you seen the patio at the Red Cross Lounge since the Oak Knoll and Lakeside Garden Clubs have transformed it into a woodland scene? A huge window box extending the length of the windows is filled with yellow calla lilies, surrounded by climbing wild ivy and philodendron. In the smaller tubs are many different varieties of ferns and a beautiful white-flowered stephanotis is trained on the trellis. Covering the slanting roof with deep foliage are shade plants. It makes for a cool restful place even on the hottest summer day. With favorable conditions these many types of plants will thrive particularly under the guidance of CLAUDE M. BARFIELD, FN, of Ward 44A who contributes his spare time to the care and irrigation of this garden. He has much experience in this field, while home

with his mother in West Palm Beach, Fla. He learned many tricks of the "green thumb" trade from watching his mother at work in her flower nursery. She raises plants and flowers for retail business in that area. If you have time come over and get acquainted with plant life and perhaps you might like to have a garden outside your ward. We have all the implements necessary to start one.

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

A new ambitious garden project is under way up on one of our numerous hills between Wards 68A and B. It is a relatively new addition to the list of reactivated wards and therefore has not profited by much landscaping such as has been in evidence on other parts of the compound. So LT HOWARD WARD is attempting to break up some sod and get some green things growing. Volunteer help from his ward has been at a premium but LT WARD perseveres and does not mind in the least the new nickname, "The Gardener," recently acquired as a result of his digging and exploring seed catalogues and books on gardening. Who knows perhaps he will be a blue ribbon winner at the County Fair this summer.

Savings Bond Sales Increase at Hospital

Savings bond sales are going up at Oak Knoll. Participation of the civilian staff in the Savings program recently inaugurated has risen from 24 per cent to 28 per cent.

When the Bond drive started one month ago 238 employees were participating here. By 1 June an additional 64 civilian staff members had increased the total to 304.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

28 May

OLDFIELD, William Harry, to wife of John Oldfield, T/Sgt, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
JACUNSKI, Steven, to wife of Walter Jacunski, YNC, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
HARTWIG, Phillip Michael, to wife of Howard Hartwig, TDC, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
COOVER, Janette Anne, to wife of Jack Coover, EM1, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
GOUCHER, Ralph Franklin, to wife of Charles Goucher, DCC, 9 pounds, 14 ounces.
WOOTEN, Diane Laurel, to wife of Albert Wooten, BM2, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
HEMMERT, Dennis Alan, to wife of George Hemmert, AK1, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

29 May

RENCH, Kathleen Louise, to wife of Cecil Rensch, SN, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
NELSON, George Earnest, Jr., to wife of George Nelson, CD3, 7 pounds, 13½ ounces.
SMALLEY, Cynthia Lou, to wife of Thomas Smalley, ATAN, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

30 May

SEALE, Mary Elizabeth, to wife of Jason Seale, HN, 5 pounds, 4 ounces.
POE, Darrel Wayne, to wife of Donald Poe, ET3, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
TOWNSLEY, Frank Richard, to wife of Frank Townsley, HN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
FOX, Ann Margaret, to wife of Edward Fox, S/Sgt, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
HILL, Cheryl Irene, to wife of Robert Hill, AL2, 7 pounds.

31 May

BEUMER, Boy, to wife of Alvin Beumer, LT, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
HICKMAN, George William, Jr., to wife of George Hickman, AM3, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.
GEISENHEYNER, Elizabeth Ann, to wife of Robert Geisenheyner, BM3, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
FRANKLIN, Jerrold Eugene, to wife of Francis Franklin, ETC, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
MATUSEK, Sharon Lee, to wife of Victor Matusek, LCDR, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
MARTINEZ, Cynthia Louise, to wife of Alfred Martinez, Pfc, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
LERO, Boy, to wife of Henry Lero, AD2, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.

1 June

LAX, Linda Mae, to wife of William Lax, HM1, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
WHEELLES, Girl, to wife of William Wheelles, PN2, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
McKAY, Patrick Ora, to wife of Marvin McKay, AE3, 9 pounds.
HAYES, Stephen Danice, to wife of Delbert Hayes, AM2, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
CESENA, Joseph Michael, to wife of Joseph Cesena, Pvt, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.
HAMILTON, Steven Eugene, to wife of Robert Hamilton, MA3, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

2 June

MOREY, Dale Franklin, to wife of Franklin Morey, GM1, 5 pounds, 11½ ounces.
WYDLER, Arthur Allen, to wife of Alfred Wydler, ETC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
ENGEN, Susan Jody, to wife of Hans Engen, HMC, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Medical, Hospital Care For Dependents Outlined

A recent letter from BUMED has given additional information concerning Medical and Hospital care for minor children of deceased Naval Personnel.

"The unmarried child or children under twenty-one (21) years of age of deceased Naval or Marine Corps personnel are eligible for medical and hospital care on the same basis and to the same extent as is now provided by paragraph 415.1 of the manual for the Medical Department for the widows of such deceased personnel."

Paragraph 415.1 of the Manual for the Medical Department states "Dependents of Naval Personnel entitled to hospitalization and out-patient service at Medical Department activities are denoted as a lawful wife, unmarried dependent child (or children) under 21 years of age. The widows of deceased personnel are likewise entitled to out-patient and hospital care."



Recently completing a month's training at Oak Knoll as part of a six-month Physiotherapy course, is Nick W. Peters, of Vallejo.

Peters is taking his training at Permanente hospital, and the course includes a rotation training, spending one month at each of the military hospitals in the Bay Area. The training at Oak Knoll included work in all phases of Physiotherapy, including work with amputees and rehabilitation. Also a student in clinical work with Peters was Miss Marjorie Morden, of Oakland.

Each month two new physio students from Permanente hospital take a course as part of the six months' clinical practice, and will take the instruction under the supervision of LT Jervace Crouse, NC, USN.

Display to Feature Gems Worth Near \$2,000,000

Want to see \$1,000,000 in diamonds—\$500,000 in sapphires, a \$100,000 collection of other gems and precious stones, plus a Jade exhibition, Cameos, Opals and a collection of petrified wood?

Fifty free tickets for the annual Mineral and Gem Show, to be held in conjunction with the 12th annual convention of California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, have been made available to Oak Knoll.

The gems and minerals will be on display at the Oakland Exposition Building on 22, 23, 24 June between 1000 and 2200.

Feature of this year's show is the million dollars in diamonds furnished by Mr. Martin Ehrmann of Los Angeles, a diamond broker. Also on display will be the Star of Queensland, the largest star sapphire in the world, plus other sapphires valued at over \$500,000.

For those interested in minerals Mrs. Jessie Hirsch of Mariposa will have on display her famed collection of crystals and petrified wood. Jade fanciers can see two collections—those of Donal Hord of Pacific Beach and of Gump's of San Francisco.

Any Oak Knollites interested in the exhibit should contact either a Red Cross Recreation worker or the Welfare and Recreation department.

Baltimore (AFPS)—The fire department was summoned when a frantic caller said a flagpole painter had fainted and was dangling 60 feet above the ground. When rescuers reached him, he raised his head and demanded: "What's the commotion? I'm just resting."



One of the many highlights in the "Water Follies" show last Monday night was the Comedy routine done by Houston Moore and Morley Shapiro. They clowned and splashed all around the pool and in the rafters to give all hands a lot of laughs.

"Water Follies of 1951" Is A Hit At Second Hospital Performance

The "Water Follies of 1951" again came to the hospital swimming pool last Monday evening to give the Knollites an hour and a half of fine entertainment.

Featuring comedy, expert diving, ballet numbers, a singer, and a hula dancer, Mr. and Mrs. Olsen of the Athens club brought their outstanding show to Oak Knoll for the second time this year. With the troupe came many famous names in the world of diving. Outstanding were Al and Johnny White, father and son team. In 1924, Al was the World Olympic Diving Champion, and he proved that he is still a champ in

spite of his 55 years. His son Johnny apparently is destined to follow in his father's footsteps. Also featured were Morley Shapiro, winner of the Jewish National Diving Championship, and Carla Fischer, who placed third in the National Women's Diving competition after only 18 months of diving. To round out the diving exhibitions were Elton and Mora Stone, husband and wife diving team.

Adding variety to the show were songstress Joan Hayward and hula dancer Patty Dahl, who combined with the ballet troupe for a Hawaiian number.

Staff Personalities

Mrs. Essie Mullins is the lady who makes sure the night crew gets plenty of good hot chow. She lives at 1200 Willow Street, Oakland, and is one of the five longest-employed civilians on the compound, having begun her "tour of duty" on August 10, 1942. Her favorite hobby is making model houses from cardboard boxes, which she furnishes with all the standard equipment, including electric wiring. Another hobby is saving dimes, which she contributes generously to Red Cross, Community Chest, and all other drives in which the hospital participates. She hopes to promote a heart fund for Bay Area residents who cannot afford to pay for hospitalization.



One of the numerous members of the Oak Knoll staff with a college degree in a civilian specialty is Dick Tinguely, HM3, who works in the serology department of the Oak Knoll laboratory. A reservist from Texas, Dick was called back to active duty the first of February. Before that, however, he had time to finish his course at Texas Western, and was awarded an A.B. degree in chemistry. For a year and a half before coming back to the Navy he worked as a metallurgical chemist. Dick is married and has a year-old son. His wife and son are now in his home town, El Paso, Texas. When he returns to inactive duty Dick hopes to go back to college.





"Achoo!" said E. L. Northrup, HA, Ward Corpsman on 61A, when he was asked to give his views on the special assignment in which he and 99 other staff men of the off watch participated last week. Northrup, hay-feverish but still smiling through his handkerchief, was not too enthusiastic.

The "outside detail" provided an opportunity for port and starboard watches and the barracks detail to develop muscles and suntan and at the same time removed a serious fire hazard. Chief Master-at-Arms L. F. Betoney supervised the crews that worked on four different days, shagging off the dry grass from areas around Hospital Corps and Nurses' Quarters.

Any enthusiasm that was lacking during the afternoon "hoe down" was restored when refreshments were served in the EM club to all participants.

French Sailors Donate Blood to Oak Knoll

Whether they know it or not, some of the patients at Oak Knoll hospital may have French blood in their veins.

Recently the French Navy sailors stationed at NAS, Alameda, gave twelve pints to the blood bank at Oak Knoll, with the hope that the contribution would help take care of the ever-present need for whole blood.

We expect to see an increase in the attendance at the French language classes offered by the Red Cross at the hospital.

Three Major Events Scheduled For Week

The coming week will find three events on the schedule for the hospital.

On 10 June, 40 men from the hospital are invited to attend the 24 car 150-mile hard top race in San Leandro. All men interested are urged to sign up for the event in Welfare and Recreation.

14 June will be the next scheduled baseball game, with the Oaks playing the San Francisco Seals in the Oakland Stadium. Forty men are invited and urged to sign up in Welfare and Recreation.

On the same date, the Southern Pacific Variety Show will be presented in the Community Service Building auditorium. Curtain time for the show is 1900.

Welcome and Farewell

The number of Oak Knoll staff members remained in balance during the past week, with 33 reporting aboard for duty and the same number being detached.

Reporting aboard were LTJG Stewart P. Tipton, MCS, USN, from U.S.S. Repose; LTJG Helena Wolosenko, NC, USNR, from USNH, Camp LeJeune, N. C.; LT Charles A. Mead, Jr., MC, USN, also from the Repose; LT John W. Parsons, MCS, USN, from Pacific Reserve Fleet, Stockton, Calif.; ENS Mary G. Stewart, NC, USNR, ENS Kathryn A. Wade, NC, USNR, ENS Lucia Reyes, NC, USNR, all from USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.;

HM2 L. E. Patton from USNH, Bethesda, Md.; HMC's H. H. Christiansen from USNRECSTA, T. I., and T. E. Mullen from NAS, Alameda; HM1's O. Smith and K. S. Clayton, from USNRECSTA, T. I., J. W. Finley from Kodiak, Alaska, and H. R. Hensle from FMF, San Francisco;

HM2's J. Altamore, R. W. Thompson and R. G. Boyt, all from USNRECSTA, T. I.; and D. W. Personette from ELT; HM3's R. E. Hines, J. R. Lamb, P. Bradshaw and Richard John, all from USNRECSTA, T. I., H. E. Carr from Tripler Hospital, and P. Barone from USMC, San Francisco; HN's R. A. Showstead from USNRECSTA, T. I., J. T. Downes, E. C. Elcissim and C. C. Leonard, all from Tripler, J. T. Gorman and D. V. Mattson from USMC, San Francisco, and R. G. Durbin from FMF, San Francisco; HA R. G. Hausen from 14 TAD, and DA R. W. Johnson from NTC, San Diego.

Also reporting aboard during the last week were three USAF men, Pfc. J. W. Dimond, Pfc. S. M. Stephens and Pfc. G. R. McDonald, here to study X-Ray.

Detached during the past week were LTJG Henry H. Bartholomew, MC, USN, to Tokyo, Japan; CDR Robert A. Hicks, MC, USNR, to NSC, Oakland; LT Harriet L. Tworsrud, NC, USNR, to civilian life; LT Kenneth J. Fijan, NC, USNR, to inactive duty; LT Helen P. Steve, NC, USNR, to USNH, St. Albans, N. Y.; LTJG Rosemary Barr, NC, USNR, LT I. A. Billerbeck, NC, USNR, and LT B. M. Hansen, NC, USNR, all to MSTs, PAC, San Francisco; LTJG D. V. Byrnes, NC, USNR, to USNH, Chelsea, Mass.; LTJG Wiley Harrison, MC, USNR, to inactive duty; LCDR G. W. Winkelman, MC, USNR, to inactive duty; LT J. Casares, NC, USNR, to USNH, Oceanside, Calif.;

HMC's W. T. Branson to COM 12, and B. F. Wilson, also to COM 12; HM1's W. C. Stinson and L. R. Stupely to Independent Duty school; HM2's E. Rockafellow to FMF, P. J. Nickolini to COM 12, D. R. Hooker, E. C. Mancil, A. L. Mallory and L. M. Williams, to Independent Duty school; R. L. Longley to NAS, Moffett Field, and R. C. Crawley to NAD, Hawthorne, Mass.; HM3's N. L. Pudwill and R. C. Bingham to USNH, Mare Island, Calif., H. P. Schaffer and B. F. Wilhelmus to FMF, A. L. Sandberg to COM 12, and F. Radford to NMSD, Oakland; and HN's R. E. MacDonald to FMF, J. A. Sanchez to USNH, St. Albans, N. Y., and S. L. Boles, also to USNH, St. Albans.



It isn't every patient who has three attractive ladies to supervise his work, but that is just what R. J. McCurdy, RDSN, had one day last week when Miss Alice Carroll, Needlework Editor of Good Housekeeping, visited Oak Knoll. Miss Carroll, an authority on all types of needlework, came to the hospital on 29 May to see what is being done here in Occupational Therapy and the Red Cross Craft Shop and to suggest new ideas that may be put into use. A victim of polio herself, Miss Carroll is familiar with hospital routine and now serves as a volunteer worker in several hospitals in the East. Pretty Bobby Lyons, mistress of ceremonies for Hale Brothers and General Electric's Star Time Theater, who accompanied Miss Carroll, and LCDR Rosella Nesgis, NC, USN, head of the O.T. department, look on while the expert and the amateur weaver confer.

Occupational Therapy Department Here Is One of Navy's Largest

What is "Occupational Therapy"? That is a question LCDR Rosella Nesgis, NC, USN, is well qualified to answer, since she heads Oak Knoll's Occupational Therapy Department, which is one of the largest in the Navy.

Occupational therapy, according to Miss Nesgis, is treatment prescribed by a medical officer for the definite purpose of restoring the function of damaged nerves or muscles. It is treatment by participation in activities devised to attack specific problems resulting from disease or injury. And it is the therapist's job to relate an activity to the need of each individual patient. This is one of the principal factors that distinguishes the occupational therapist from the craft instructor.

Here is a specific example of how

O.T. works. Staff Sergeant Edison Miles, USMC, while serving as a section leader for a light machine gun crew last 2 December near Chongjin Reservoir, Korea, received a bullet wound in his right arm, resulting in a nerve injury which incapacitated the thumb and third and fourth fingers. He came to O.T. at the end of February with a prescription from the medical officer for activities to improve the extension ability of the disabled fingers. He was interested in making a leather belt, which he did. (The type of material which patients work on varies, thus offering gradations of resistance to correspond to the gradual increase in the strength of the injured muscles, joints and nerves.)

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Timmy Killeen Says Marine Corps Needs Own Band of Worthy Pipers

By Armed Forces Press Service

Cpl. Timmy Killeen, 24-year-old combat veteran, has added a new chapter to Marine Corps history. He was the first combat bagpiper.

In World War II he waded ashore under fire at Peleliu Island playing an Irish air on the pipes. A mortar shell stopped the music—temporarily.

The hardy piper performed again in Korea before he was wounded a third time. He was released from a naval hospital last March and as-

signed to the guard detachment at the New York Naval Shipyard.

Killeen's ambition is to persuade headquarters that the Marines should have their own band of battle-worthy pipers. He points out that ever since that great Irish chieftain, Brian Boru, defeated the Danes at Clontarf 1,000 years ago, the magic of the bagpipes has inspired the Irish soldier in battle and given pause to the enemy. Timmy reasons that this would be a natural for the Marine Corps with its large proportion of Irish and its fabulous "esprit de corps."

THIS IS O.T.



Showing what goes on inside Occupational Therapy, C. E. Evatt, HMI, Scene (1), assists LT E. L. Whitlock with measuring and cutting in the wood-working shop. (2) The Ceramic room at O.T. keeps everybody busy. At work here are Pfc A. M. Coutu, J. J. Poole, END2, Sgt R. R. Ritschard, LT Lydia Kieler, Sgt Alvin Dytkiewicz, G. Dotson, AN, and W. E. Shinn, HN. (3) H. E. Carroll, HMI, shows Pfc V. L. McFadden the technique of setting up the printing press. (4) LT Kieler gives S/Sgt E. D. Miles some fine points in the use of a loom. (5) Card weaving strengthens muscles says F. E. Williamson, HN, and G. M. Pera proves the point. (6) O.T. even uses a game of checkers to strengthen hand and arm muscles. Pfc R. P. Valkenburg tangles with P. G. Fox, HN, as Pfc M. H. Quannia looks on. (7) Pfc R. D. Ralston and Pfc Jim Burwell practice up on typing, which improves coordination that may come in handy later. (8) D. A. Parker, HMI, shows Rolland Almer, GM3, just the right motions to use in weaving to get the most out of the exercises.

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Later Miles was given a wooden hammer with a specially built-up handle fitted to the span of his hand, for the purpose of strengthening his fingers' extension power. He uses this hammer in his leathercraft work.

Gradually the extension and manipulative power of his fingers are increasing. At the same time he is receiving physical therapy, for it is a demonstrated fact that when occupational therapy is used in conjunction with physiotherapy, the motion returns more rapidly than when either is used alone.

The main O.T. shop in Building 27 has seven major units—a ceramics room, minor craft, woodworking, weaving, printing, radio repair and an arm prosthesis training room. Most of these are activities which can be graded and adapted to obtain specific types of motion.

Much ingenuity in adapting equipment and to grade activity for the patient's specific needs is observed in the O.T. shop.

For example, the handles of hammers used in the minor craft room are of many different shapes and

sizes. The weight of the hammer varies. The position of the work in relation to the patient is very important. Card weaving, cord knotting, braid weaving are only a few of the activities which can be adapted to stimulate prescribed function.

Sand blocks are constructed for each individual patient so that a specific prescribed motion can be carried out.

In weaving, motion can be directed so as to use the fingers and forearm or to include extensive movements of both upper and lower extremities.

Printing coordinates the finest movements of the fingers, as in typesetting, or it can involve prescribed activity for the arm, wrist, elbow or shoulder, as when the hand press is used, or the muscles of the hip and knee when the foot press is employed.

The arm-amputee training room is unique in that it is one of the few found in any Navy O.T. department. Writing is one of the first things taught, in case the dominant arm is lost. Typing for one hand is also taught, as well as daily practice on an achievement board.

Pfc. Victor McFadden, USMCR, 23, an amputee patient, was studying to be a commercial artist shortly before joining the Marine Corps. He lost his left hand, the dominant one in his case, while fighting near the Hwachon Reservoir in Korea on April 23. Now he is learning to write and draw with his right hand, and has already turned out some drawings which are near his former excellence. McFadden is confident that some day he will be able to draw as well with his right hand as he did with his left, and he plans to go back to art school after he gets out of the Marine Corps.

As soon as the arm amputee patient is fitted with a prosthesis, he is shown how to get the maximum use of it. He learns by doing. Special emphasis is placed on activities which involve the daily habits of living, such as using eating utensils, turning faucets and door knobs, shining and lacing shoes, brushing teeth, and using a telephone.

In addition to the main shop, a second shop with complete facilities

is available to patients on the N.P. wards. There a variety of crafts are offered, including the minor crafts, plastics, woodwork, weaving, printing, and fly-tying. Here again, diagnosis and prescription are essential.

LCDR Nesgis has three nurses and two civilians (Mrs. Lenore Ebnother and Patricia Fallon) as her assistants.

LT Lydia Kieler, NC, USN, is occupational therapist in charge of the functional craft room; LT Olive McClatchey, NC, USN, and Miss Fallon are in the N.P. shop, and LT Dorothy Naviaux, NC, USN, is in charge of the weaving room.

In addition, there are four Navy enlisted O.T. technicians who have received their training in the Navy O.T. school. They are Cecil Evatt, HMI; Edward Cremer, HN; William Potts, HN, and Ann Badatollo, HN. Also assistants in the O.T. shops are six corpsmen who have had experience in craft shops. They are D. A. Parker, HN; Philip Fox, HN; Fred Williamson, HN; W. E. Shinn, HN; Brett Miller, HN, and H. E. Cornell, HMI.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

DISHING THE DIRT: Dr. Barton's new crew hair cut has all the wives urging their husbands to follow suit—Charlie Pace has become very continental, so much so that he even bought himself an English Hillman-Minx—Chief Jeanne Banks likes the Yankee models, and traded her chips in for a cream-colored Cadillac convertible—Spotted Chief Scott rooting for the visiting Seattle team the other night—Mat Jellich likes the Mocambo in Oakland. He's never alone either—Have you seen the three Air Force men around the chow halls? The "Airdales" are here for a course of instruction in X-Ray technique, and they answer to John Diamond, Stephen Stephens, and George McDonald—Caught Kent Taylor bending his elbow at my favorite spot on Market Street—Is it true that Pat Rogalinski lured a patient all the way from Bremerton? Wonder what sort of technique she uses—Gordon Dolliver and Harold Hughes spent last week end sight-seeing at Yosemite. Must be nice to be a first class and have the time and money to travel around, eh?—Reggie Spatz spends those long week ends just before payday at the pool, catching up on her rest—The organ grinder at Techau's draws the applause of Chief Katie Robinson and her sister—San Jose State's Prom at the Fairmont was enlivened by the antics of Vince Padilla.

DRESS REHEARSAL: The line of service men and their guests for the dress rehearsal of "Guys and Dolls" wound all the way around the Curran block. Far up front, Dave Brittain hailed the Knollites as they passed—"Muggsy" Mahoney and Lee Steineke gave a dinner party in San Lorenzo for Jim Denfield and an unidentified Swabbie. Lee said she was so far up in the balcony she felt as though she should have been strapped in—Far above the main chandelier sat Jim Bennett and his pert Mrs.—The O.R.'s Ronnie Randall put down his surgical instruments long enough to catch the show with a little trick who looked as though she belonged behind the footlights—Nurses Lois Latsch and Pat Roe were spent from applauding—Dr. Benefiel and his Mrs. were heard humming "Bushel and a Peck" as they ambled out—"Rusty" Kane and an Air Force man passed us up several times. Wonder if they ever did get in?

LILY LAW: Tom Raum, the Legal office's punster, has again been delving into California's Penal Code, and did you know that "Whoever shall cut the solid part of the tail of any horse in any operation for the purpose of shortening the tail, and whoever shall assist in such cutting, is guilty of a misdemeanor"? (Mills College Stable now has a night-watchman)—"Punishment by use of a straightjacket, gag, or thumbscrew is prohibited" (MAA force please take notice)—"Every person who deliberately encourages another to commit suicide is guilty of a felony" (DROP DEAD)—"Every person who attaches a burning candle or other burning material to a balloon, and then releases the balloon into the air, is guilty of a misdemeanor" (There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight).



COL Trelfall Wills TV Set to Quiet Room

PFC Philip Loughlin, 74A, can keep up on world affairs and see the latest in entertainment on the TV screen that is conveniently placed over the foot of his bed.

The television set, equipped with remote controls so that the patient may operate it while lying in bed, was installed in the quiet room at the request of Colonel Melchior Trelfall, USMC, who died here on 26 May. Colonel Trelfall ordered the set for his own convenience and pleasure several months ago when he became paralyzed from the chest down, and one of his last requests was that it be placed in a room where other bed-ridden patients might enjoy using it as he did.

Keokuk, Iowa (AFPS)—Workers sandbagging a levee at Canton, Mo., were entertained by a radio. The song being played was, "Shall We Gather At the River?"



Pictured above are a few of the highlights of the recent week-end trip to Santa Cruz and the San Lorenzo Valley. In the photo at the top the guests assemble in front of the bus prior to leaving on a sightseeing trip. Officials of the San Lorenzo Valley Lions Club bid special welcomes to Sgt. H. U. Smith, USMC, and Sgt. W. K. Brown, USMC. In his 34 years of life, the trip offered S/Sgt. V. J. Plummer, USMC, his first ride on a horse. Glenn Coolidge, program chairman, gets Vern settled atop "Susie," for a short ride through the woods.

Fairbanks, Alaska (AFPS)—Steve Losonsky wasn't worried about anybody stealing his jeep. He always left his huge Alaskan malamute dog to guard it. He recently reported to police the theft of his jeep—dog and all.

Providence, R. I. (AFPS)—The last horse has been retired from the police force. He was purchased by a retired policeman.

Huntington, W. Va. (AFPS)—If a proposed law is enacted, it soon will be against the law to yell between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. in this city.

Training Program Set For Food Handlers

An Inservice training program for food handlers was begun this week by the Commissary division.

The class consists of 90 students from the Naval Supply Center and 70 students from Commissary No. 2 at Oak Knoll hospital.

Work improvement certificates were recently awarded to 60 cooks and mess attendants from Commissary No. 2 who completed the six-hour course.

Subjects studied are housekeeping and messing sanitation, food inspection, problems of food poisoning, dishwashing and detergents, refrigeration and food storage.

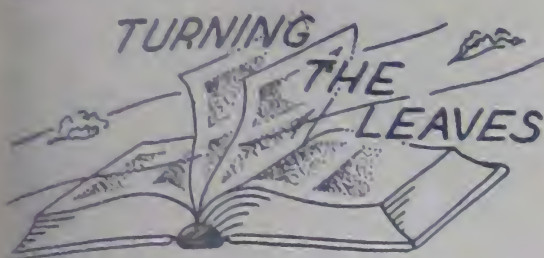
Certificates were awarded upon satisfactory completion of the course and passing an examination on the above named subjects.

The course is under the direction of LT Lucille R. Clark, MSC, USN and George Cauley, HMI.

Auburn, Ind. (AFPS)—County commissioners refused a petition for more money to hire deputy sheriffs. So, Sheriff Frank Carpenter used his prerogative to swear in deputies. He swore in the county commissioners who now must serve without pay.



"Maybe this Joker knows where Ward 83A is"



The long awaited second novel of Norman Mailer was published finally on 24 May. It is called "Barbary Shore" and is as different as can be from "The Naked and the Dead." Mr. Mailer chooses as his theme the decay of the Marxian Ideal, and the pain unleashed in the world by Stalinism. It's a political tract as much as a novel and many of the reviewers will doubtless scream about the preach in form. No matter. Mailer has an important message; it is probably one of the most terrifying and scathing denunciations of "The Man with the Pipe" yet printed. He has had close dealings with Marxism personally, and he knows whereof he writes.

The library has two books about the Navy that have caused considerable comment lately. One is brand new—Fletcher Pratt's rollicking account of Isaac Hull and Stephen Decatur, and the way they defeated Britain at sea in 1812, and founded the Navy as we know it. The book is called "Preble's Boys," and makes written history read like a novel. The other book, "In a Yankee Windjammer" was written at the turn of the century by Charles Nordhoff (grandfather to Nordhoff of the "Bounty Trilogy"). "Windjammer" gives you a first cruise in the US Navy, circa 1845, the days when sailors were allowed liberty only in about three ports in the world, and then never given more than ten dollars to take ashore at once. You think the Navy is a lively affair today? Just read Nordhoff and reflect a bit. As the man said, "We never had it so good."

There is a whole collection of new murder mysteries in for bloodshed fans—two of the best being Brett Halliday's new Mike Shayne mystery, "Framed in Blood," and Ellery Queen's delightful case of shudders called "The Origin of Evil."

Finally, we recommend as the best historical romance of the month, Louis Zara's fictional account of an actual event in the Civil War, "Rebel Run." It's the story of a desperate gamble by one James Andrews in 1862, how the gamble failed, and what its consequences were to him, and the outcome of the war.

FRANK M. CAMPBELL HMI

Civilians Win Cars At Navy Relief Fete

There were two happy civilians in Alameda this week as a result of the drawing at the annual Navy Relief Carnival, held at NAS, Alameda, on May and 1 and 2 June.

First prize, a new Buick, was won by J. Shipley of Alameda, while R. A. George, also of Alameda, won the second prize, a Dodge convertible.

Complete figures on how much was collected at the Carnival and drawings for Navy Relief funds were not available when the Oak Leaf went to press.

Carnival officials stated that no Oak Knoll personnel were listed among the 32 top prize winners at the Carnival drawing.

Meeting Set For C.P.O. Wives' Club

The regular monthly meeting of the C.P.O. Wives club will be held 13 June, at 1500, in the C.P.O. Club.

All members of the club are urged to attend.

Plastics Are Replacing Steel in Ship Building

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. (AFPS)—The day of steel ships is passing and an era of plastic ships is dawning, Dr. Albert Lightbody, chief of the chemistry division of the Navy Ordnance Laboratory, said here recently.

He predicted that plastics soon will be used to make decks, masts, hulls, electrical equipment and hydraulic systems on Navy vessels.

Laffs

Blonde: "Now that we're engaged, you're going to give me a ring, aren't you?"

Sailor: "Sure, beautiful, what's your telephone number?"

A nut at the wheel
A peach on his right
A curve in the road
Fruit salad tonight.

The inquisitive old lady was bending over the bed of a soldier whose head was swathed in cotton and linen.

"Are you wounded in the head, my boy?" she asked.

"No," replied a faint voice. "I was shot in the foot and the bandage has slipped up."

Then there was the bitter golf match between two Scots under a broiling sun in which one of them had a stroke—and the other made him count it.

"I guess I've lost another pupil," said the professor as his glass eye rolled down the sink.

Then there was the little lady who was so dumb she thought a goblet was a sailor's child.

Mother: "Stop asking so many questions. Don't you know that curiosity killed the cat?"

Junior: "Is that so? What did the cat want to know?"

A woman columnist proudly points out there are 30 per cent more men in mental hospitals than women. OK, OK, but who put them there?

Customer: "I want to buy a plow."
Clerk: "Sorry, sir, we have no plows."

Customer: "This is a helluva drug-store."

Telephone operator to a new girl she is breaking in: "No, honey, you say, 'Just a moment, please,' not 'Hang on to your hat, mister!'"

Hostess: "Why don't you eat your jello?"

Little Boy (watching jello closely): "It's not dead yet."

Then there was the train announcer who said his wife never understood him!



LCDR Melvin P. Huber, MSC, USN, chief of personnel division, is shown congratulating Herbert L. Richardson, upholsterer in the maintenance division, for winning a beneficial suggestion prize. Also shown are two other prize winners, left to right, Werner O. Naumann, carpenter, and Fletcher Lyon, pipefitter, both of maintenance.

Top Awards Given Civilians For Efficiency, Safety Suggestions

The largest awards to date for beneficial suggestions were made recently by LCDR Melvin P. Huber, MSC, USN, chief of the personnel and records division, to five civilian employees whose ideas have been adopted and are now adding to increased savings and efficiency for the hospital.

Herbert L. Richardson, an upholsterer in the maintenance division, received \$70 for his suggestion for a cheaper, yet more durable material to be used on mattress covers. Damaged mattress covers had previously been costing the Hospital about \$1700 a year for replacements. With the new, more rugged material, damage to mattresses has been almost completely eliminated.

Harry Woods, head pipefitter, maintenance division, who recently resigned, was awarded \$50 for his idea to install valves in the main water main at San Leandro Annex. Previously no valves were installed;

if anything happened to the water main, a large section of San Leandro was without water use and fire protection until the main was repaired. Now only a small section is shut off at one time for repairs, which greatly increases safety and convenience.

Bayliss E. Wilbur, carpenter, maintenance division, received \$15 for his suggestion to install curved wooden bumpers on the swinging doors leading out of the cart room at main commissary. The bumpers add greatly to the protection of the doors, which are constantly being bumped by food carts.

Awards of \$10 each were made to Werner O. Naumann, carpenter, maintenance division, for his suggestion to install a safety template for use when manufacturing bed blocks in the carpenter shop; and to Fletcher Lyon, pipefitter, maintenance division, for his suggestion to install a safety gate on the elevator in Building 1.

25 Tickets Available For Beauty Contest

A serviceman's dream—and all for free, too.

That is what it is, a chance for 25 Oak Knollites to attend the finals of a beauty contest. Conducted by the same man who has charge of the annual "Miss America" contest in Atlantic City, N. J., and using the same rules and regulations, eight beautiful women will vie for top honors in the contest.

It will be held at the Midtown Theater, 562 Haight street, San Francisco, at 2000 on Sunday, 17 June. And 25 lucky Oak Knollites can sign up for tickets at the Welfare and Recreation Department.

Going all out for this event, not only the contestants but also one of the judges will be getting plenty of attention. That judge will be "Miss Denver of 1950." Also on the board of judges will be George Christopher, member of the board of supervisors of the city of San Francisco.

There are only 25 tickets available for Oak Knoll and the line forms at the Welfare and Recreation department.

Ex P-W's Give Pointers On Prisoner Survival

CHICAGO (AFPS)—A tin can for a stove, a canteen pressure cooker, and a handful of weeds are all that is needed to prepare dinner in a Prisoner of War camp.

These are some of the tips on survival from a recently published booklet, "How to Survive in a Prison Camp," written by American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.

Here are excerpts from the book:

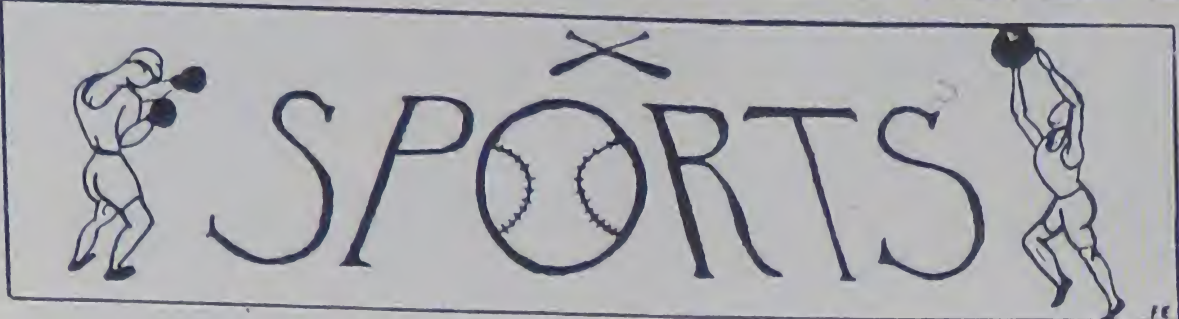
All meat is edible, regardless of the kind of animal. Weeds and tree bark have food value, too.

The Army canteen is especially good for cooking green things to prevent loss of vitamin content.

A little sugar ruins a gasoline engine, making an excellent sabotage weapon.

A razor blade is a handy flint when matches aren't available.

A man can drink, cook and wash with just a quart of water a day—if he knows how. (The United States daily average use of water per person is 300 gallons.)



Hospital Softball Team Wins Again

Oak Knoll's Varsity softball team behind the pitching of newcomer Tafoya smashed out 14 hits to score 14 runs and defeat the NAS, Oakland, team by two scores in a game played on the home field Monday, 4 June.

Tafoya, in his first appearance on the mound, showed promise of getting back into his old form that made him a stand-out in civilian softball leagues. It was his first pitching role in approximately three years.

A bright sun and a high wind caused ragged play on the part of both teams and was responsible for the high score.

In the Knollites' second consecutive win, members of the squad were able to fatten up their batting averages, as Young and Pearsall connected for three hits, and Wong, Webb and Tafoya got two for four. Webb lashed out a round-tripper and Tafoya, in addition to his pitching chores, hit a towering triple.

Wednesday, 6 June, the Oak Knoll softballers put their win streak on the block when they went up against the Treasure Island Receiving Ship Ship's Company. Two games will be played during the next week, both on the home field.

On Monday, 11 June, the game will be with Receiving Station Transients and on Wednesday, 13 June, the Oak Knollites will tackle Fleet Air, Alameda.

Huntington, W. Va. (AFPS)—While drafting an anti-noise ordinance, City Councilman Edward Lee's phone rang. A woman wanted to know if the bill would cover barking dogs. "Certainly." Later, the same woman called and asked: "Could you make it illegal . . . for pigeons to coo?"

Tennis Tourneys In Final Rounds

CDR Kurzrok has battled his way to a finals berth in the intra-hospital singles tennis tourney by defeating CDR Hicks, 6-1, 6-0.

CDR Kurzrok will play the winner of the Wandling-Fichter semi-final match, postponed because of cold weather.

Equally busy in the doubles tourney, CDR Kurzrok and his partner, Dr. Suess, have gained a place in the finals match where they are scheduled to play Reginato and Papadakis.

The Kurzrok-Suess duo defeated two other teams, Brisnahan-Irvine, and Wandling-Zikmund, to get to the finals. Reginato and Papadakis managed the feat through two forfeits.

Wandling-Zikmund were defeated in the first round of play and Brisnahan-Irvine fell in the semi-final round.

BASEBALLERS LOSE TO RANCH STATION TEAM

Oak Knoll's baseball team fell prey to a savage crew from Two Rock Ranch Station on Thursday, 31 May, and were mauled to the tune of 11-1 when the dust settled.

While the hospital team was able to garner only four bingles off Two Rock Pitcher Huey, the Ranch Station team lashed two Oak Knoll pitchers for 12 safeties.

Bournellis started on the mound for Oak Knoll and was relieved after seven and two-thirds innings by Tamborski.

Dunizzo was the big stick for the hospital team, getting two of the squad's four hits. Both were singles. Jellich lashed out a screaming triple and Winchester got a single for the other Oak Knoll tallies in the hit column.

One Two Rock player, Bess, made it a bad afternoon for the Oak Knoll hurlers when he stepped up to the plate four times and got four hits, two triples, a double and a single.

Oak Knoll's scheduled game with Camp Stoneman on Tuesday, 5 June, was postponed and will be played at a later date.

Next week the Hospital team will collide with Mare Island on Tuesday, 12 June, and with Treasure Island on Thursday, 14 June.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 10 June
EXCUSE MY DUST—Red Skelton, Sally Forest, COMEDY. Red Skelton leaves slapstick and his famous rubber-faced antics in this MGM Technicolor production which has not yet been released to the public. In the film Skelton plays a more or less straight comedy part, that of an automotive pioneer in a small mid-west town about 1905. Given a reviewer's rating of "very good" after a sneak preview, the picture is sprinkled with a number of catchy tunes warbled by Monica Lewis, and Miss Forrest adds to the fun with a spritely interpretive dance routine.

Monday, 11 June
ISLE OF SAMOA—Jon Hall, Susan Cabot, ROMANCE. This is either a very new one or an old one, since files fail to divulge any information concerning it. But, judging from the title and the characters, this one bodes fair to be a bare-chested, sarong-draped film, resplendent with South Sea greenery, soft music and sleepy lagoons.

Tuesday, 12 June
CAVALRY SCOUT—Rod Cameron, Audrey Long. This is a new one, released 13 May, with no information available, other than it comes in color and was given a rating of very good in advance reviews.

Wednesday, 13 June
MAN FROM SONORA—Johnny Mack Brown, Phyllis Cotes. This is another new one, released on 11 March 1951, and not even any reviews as yet. If you go to movies for surprises, this might be it.

Thursday, 14 June
TEXAS RANGERS—George Montgomery, Gale Storm, WESTERN. No information available on this one either, but the title is a good clue to what you can expect. Nothing like a good Western to take your mind off your own troubles.

Friday, 15 June
BORN YESTERDAY—Brod Crawford, Judy Holliday, COMEDY. This is it—this is the one the reviewers dragged out their superlatives on, and the one that netted Miss Holliday an Academy Award for the best female leading role in the past year. Based closely on a hit play, the movie has to do with a millionaire junk-man and his girl friend in Washington to expedite favorable legislation through Congress by money pressure. Miss Holliday gains an education and Mr. Crawford loses a girl friend and most of his property, thanks to the efforts of an honest newspaper reporter, played by William Holden. This movie has been acclaimed as one of the best, and Miss Holliday makes the best of a big role.

Saturday, 16 June
WOMAN OF DISTINCTION—Rosiland Russell, Ray Milland. This one released by Columbia slightly more than a year ago, was given a rating of "very good" by the reviewers. No other information is available.

Hyannis, Mass. (AFPS)—A local woman, attending a movie, laughed so hard her upper plate flew out and skimmed past the head of the man in front of her. An employee search party located the missing molars.

Okawville, Ill. (AFPS)—When two state policemen stopped their car to chase a squirrel the animal darted into the air intake of the car. It took the officers two hours to free the wedged animal.

Jacksonville, Fla. (AFPS)—The state road department was selling houses on a route through which a new road was to be built. They reported to police the theft of a house, sidewalk and all.



Cpl. J. W. Corbin, USMC, gets the proud attention of his wife, Betty, after he was awarded a Gold Star in lieu of a second Purple Heart for CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, Commanding Officer. His wife is visiting here from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Hamilton WAFS Down Oak Knoll

Oak Knoll's entry in the 12th Naval District Women's Softball League came out on the losing end of a one-sided 22-0 score in a league game with the Hamilton AFB WAFS on Thursday, 31 May.

On Thursday, 7 June, the Oak Knoll team was set to go against the Camp Stoneman WACS and the new week, on 14 June, will play the Presidio WACS.

Meanwhile, the final round of games in the first half of the intra-hospital softball tourney was scheduled for the coming week.

On Monday, 11 June, the Record Office squad will go against the NF Department; on Tuesday, 12 June Civil Service Girls will play Surgery II; the Independents will meet the Laboratory team on Wednesday, 13 June, and the Chiefs collide with the Officers' team on Thursday, 14 June.

In the past week, the Civil Service Girls were slated to meet the Officers on Wednesday, 6 June, while the Independents tackled the Chiefs on Thursday, 7 June.

Colusa, Calif. (AFPS)—At the funeral of the county sheriff there appeared a huge floral piece with the inscription: "To our beloved Sheriff—from the prisoners."

Chanute, Kan. (AFPS)—A prowler made off with four T-bone steaks and other foods when he entered the home of Kenneth Slocum. The cost of living must have influenced him; he overlooked the family silver.

Sacramento, Calif. (AFPS)—A bill is in progress to outlaw draw poker in California.

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BUT WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO HIM, COOKIE?

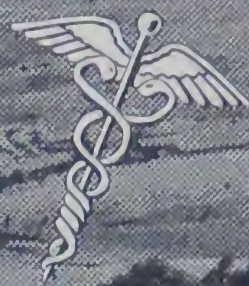
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SHE REMOVED A SPLINTER FROM MY LITTLE FINGER!

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Neighborhood youngsters of Sandy Road and Madison Avenue, wanting to do something for the hospitalized veterans at Oak Knoll, produced a play, last week, and cleared \$10.50. Shown above donating the proceeds to LT R. L. Thompson, welfare officer, is Loren Wiseman, the young man who wrote and acted in the play. The three act production was written and produced by the youngsters, who assembled scenery, and presented it for parents and friends last Saturday evening.

BONIN TO WED GIRL MET ON UKIAH TRIP

One of the fifty Oak Knoll patients who spent the week end from 13 to 15 April at Ukiah has gained more from the trip than his buddies did. He is PFC Frances Bonin, USMC, whose engagement to Miss Patricia Vidas of Potter Valley was recently announced. PFC Bonin and Miss Vidas became acquainted at Ukiah. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil J. Vidas, a graduate of the Potter Valley high school, and an employee at the Bank of America in Ukiah.

PFC Bonin, a native of Massachusetts, has been in the Marine Corps nearly three years.

Marriage plans of the couple are as yet indefinite.

Dependent Payment Increase Considered

Washington (AFPS)—Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota has introduced in the Senate a bill to increase payments of dependents of service personnel.

The bill would increase the Government's share of dependents' allowances, leaving the serviceman's share unchanged.

Under the law proposed by Sen. Humphrey, dependents of men in the lowest pay grade would receive \$95 a month from the government instead of the present \$85 for one dependent. For two dependents the allowance would be \$135 instead of the present \$125 a month, with \$30 payable for each additional dependent.

Oldest Patient Enlisted in '82

More than ten year's service in the army before the Spanish-American War.

That is the record of Oak Knoll's oldest patient, Carlos Fraser, Ward 75B, who first enlisted in the army in 1882, when he was 23 years old. He is now 92.

The old sergeant, who spent most of his Army career fighting Indians, still remembers clearly many of the events which occurred while he was in the service.

"When the Spanish-American War broke out, I had already been in the Army ten years," he said. "I enlisted in 1882 and spent the first five years in Dakota Territory in the Black Hills area. I was with the 25th Infantry."

"The next five years I spent in the cavalry in Arizona, where I spent many years on an Indian reservation for the government," SGT Fraser said.

During the Spanish-American War he was at Fort Mead and after the war bought a five-acre lot in Arizona where he lived for several years.

Forty years ago he moved to Richmond, Calif., where his home now is and where his 86-year-old wife is living.

The old soldier still likes to talk of the days when he was in the Army—of "soldiering" during the war with Spain and of the battles with Indians on the prairies.



One of the eighteen N.P. School graduates to receive diplomas last week was L. R. Cahoon, HN, shown above receiving his certificate from CAPT H. D. Hubbard, MC, USN, 12th Naval District Medical Officer. In the background is CDR J. F. McMullin, Chief of the Oak Knoll N.P. service.

Eighteen Are Awarded Certificates At First N.P. Class Graduation

Eighteen men participated in the graduation exercises held last Friday, 8 June, for the first class to complete Neuro-Psychiatric Technicians school at Oak Knoll.

These men were awarded certificates for successful completion of the 16-week course by CAPT H. D. Hubbard, MC, USN, 12th Naval District Medical Officer. CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer of the hospital, spoke a few congratulatory words to the graduates.

At the ceremonies the introduction was given by CDR John F. McMullin, MC, USN, Chief of the Neuro-Psychiatric service. Following the presentation of certificates, a reception was held for the graduates and their guests.

CDR Bernard I. Kahn, MC, USN, is Officer in charge of the hospital's new N. P. School and is assisted by LT Mary L. Welter, NC, USN.



Oak Knoll's first Neuropsychiatric Technician school class was graduated at ceremonies held Friday, June 8. Eighteen men were in the first class. Shown above, front row, (left to right), are HN's R. W. King and C. J. Ambacher, CDR Bernard I. Kahn, MC, USN, Officer in Charge of the school; CDR John F. McMullin, MC, USN, Chief of the Neuropsychiatry Service at Oak Knoll; LT Mary L. Welter, NC, USN, assistant to the Officer in Charge and Nursing Instructor, and HN's D. M. Hardy and V. R. Sells. Second row, (left to right), are F. J. Collins, HM1, senior clerk at the school; HN's D. E. Porter, C. A. Barger, R. V. Woods, O. E. McGuire, and J. J. Favatella, HA R. D. Urback and HN M. A. Kenney. Third row, (left to right), are HN's P. H. Daniel, D. L. Sears, R. W. Low, R. L. Cahoon, R. L. Masterson, R. L. McCuen and C. L. Payne and HM1 O. J. Larrivee, N.P. School M.A.A.

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THE PROPHETS OF THE PAST AND PRESENT

While faith, honor and civilization are constantly battling for survival, the words of the Hebrew prophets still thunder across the earth to arouse and uphold the courage of their defenders.

The prophets have not ceased to proclaim the wonder of God, the need for justice and mercy in the affairs of men, and the supremacy of conscience in the conduct of nations; nor can one silence them as they cry out against the apostles of brute force, the suppressors of religion, the oppressors of their brethren.

The prophets have spoken and speak for all times past, present and future. They did not compromise with evil. They neither sought nor were in any degree responsible for the approval or disapproval of the world about them. They knew only that they must speak the word of God whatever might happen. They suffered iniquity, imprisonment and death itself, if necessary, to speak God's word to an often hostile world. The Lord had placed a compulsion within their souls that could not be evaded. "The Lord hath spoken who shall not prophesy." (Amos.)

Every Prophet, though dealing with heavenly impressions, was a practical man of earth. His utterances were not concerned with theories or vague principles. They were concerned with specific evils within the family, the community, the nations that must be denounced from crimes, kings from the idolatries of the mob: all met equally the lashing of his tongue.

Unlike popular concept the functions of the prophets were not always to foretell specific events, but they were able to interpret present iniquities in terms of their inevitable results in the future.

We need men today who still cry aloud, unafraid, unsilenceable, when the world is threatened as perhaps never before—for prophets are the brakes on the progress of evil. If such men as mentioned here do not seem to arise, we are not altogether deprived of them, though we can find them by opening the pages of the Bible. There they live with their undying message for us today, religious teachings and moral passion—all still flow from the sacred book, and the prophets still fight the righteous battles of the world.

RABBI PAUL M. STEINBERG
Jewish Chaplain

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Enemy Using Wooden Land Mines in Korea

Wooden land mines are now being used almost exclusively by the enemy in Korea and this makes the job of mine disposal and removal units even a more hazardous job than it has been in the past, according to SGT Warren R. Wilson, USMCR, now a patient at Oak Knoll.

SGT Wilson should know. On May 18 while clearing mines in front of a tank patrol near Chungchon, he stepped on and exploded one of the mines. As a result his left leg had to be amputated below the knee and his right was severely wounded.

"Mine detectors won't work on these wooden ones," he said. "You just have to go out and look for them. I found one the hard way."

Red Cross Ramblings



The American Red Cross held open-house last Wednesday, 6 June. Staff and patients were invited to meet persons from surrounding communities who have contributed the many gifts that make the lounge more enjoyable. One of the exhibits was the Chess club. ERNIE BARTHOLOMEW of Ward 76A has proved his prowess by scoring the highest number of points during the month of May. Mr. Floyd Clark of Oakland is at the hospital on Wednesdays to instruct the patients in Chess. WILLIAM B. LAVERNE, HA, USN, of Ward 47B and DAVID CAMINOS, BMC2, of Ward 47B are interested onlookers as Mr. Clark demonstrates an intricate move. Mrs. Bernadine Hansen, Red Cross Gray Lady of Oakland Chapter, assists men who come to the lounge to play Chess on Monday afternoons.

FORE!!

Par golf was quite evident at the Alameda Municipal Golf course last Tuesday, 5 June, when J. E. BEREN, Ward 48B, ANTHONY J. CAROZZO, Ward 80B, PFC RICHARD CLARK, Ward 65B, and JAMES FLYNN, Ward 45B, played eighteen holes. Not only did they play a terrific game but on the fourth hole the par was three, and three of the four men scored par and the other plus one. If you are interested in playing, we have several trips each week. If you haven't ever held a golf club but are interested in getting the "habit," why not take a lesson here on the compound prior to going out on the green? WILLIE JEFFERSON, HN, of Navy Welfare and Recreation will give instructions on Monday, Thursday and Friday at 1030 at the baseball diamond. Call him for an appointment.

GOLF SCHEDULE

A new trip to a new course on Monday afternoon.

WHERE: Orinda Golf Club.

WHEN: Monday at 1200, trip leaves Red Cross Lounge (Building 32). The green fees are gratis; clubs for the game will be furnished by the club. Sign up with Miss O'Neill. The Alameda Municipal Golf course trip will continue on Tuesdays, leaving the compound at 0930 and returning around 1500. This course is flat, ideal for patients who have difficulty climbing hills. So get in the swing and watch that ball go down the fairway for a possible hole in one.

JUNE MOON

The sun, moon and stars were all in bright array at the Red Cross Lounge last Tuesday evening when the Summer Skylight Dance was held. The decor was gay with bright spring flowers entwined around the archways with the moon swinging high behind the musicians. The hostesses wore flowers in their hair and the pastel colors of their dresses brought back memories of a dance at home. The dance music continued in the same theme—"Shine On Harvest Moon," "Blue Skies," "Stairway to the Stars"—all played in rhythm by the Oak Knoll combo.

\$15,598 Netted For Navy Relief

Gross cash receipts at the Annual Navy Relief Carnival held 31 May and 1 and 2 June at NAS, Alameda, amounted to \$25,736, according to official tabulations.

Of this amount, an estimated \$10,138 will be needed to cover expenses of the Navy Relief drive and carnival, leaving a balance of approximately \$15,598 for grants and loans under Navy Relief.

Oak Knoll played a considerable part in the success of the drive. A total of 1,000 \$1 drawing tickets were sold at Oak Knoll through the Chaplain's office, plus another 722 tickets sold by the display truck on its visit to the hospital.

In addition the ham and bean booth operated by Oak Knoll personnel during the three-day carnival had gross receipts amounting to \$100 of which approximately \$316 was clear profit.

The Oak Knoll Chaplains also gave special recognition to Hospital personnel who gave freely of their time and ability in construction and operation of the booth and to the sale of tickets.

Although Oak Knollites were among the top winners at the Carnival drawing, three persons gave Oak Knoll as their addresses did win prizes.

Winners of fishing rods were LCDR C. L. Lampp, NC, USN and J. V. Bucher, while LTJG R. K. Cote's ticket was drawn for a set of luggage.

Workers in Lab Are "Detectives"

It was a routine appendectomy. But during its course the surgeon suddenly noticed a small black mole-like "blemish" in the abdomen. If it was malignant—a cancer, in other words—it might have already progressed to a serious point and need radical attention. If it was benign, there was nothing that need be done about it, or else it could be very simply removed. But the urgent and immediate question was: malignant or benign?

The surgeon quickly sliced a piece of tissue from the tumor, placed it on a piece of gauze, and handed it with swift instructions to an operating room corpsman. Within ten minutes, while the patient lay stretched out and anesthetized upon the table, the corpsman was back from the frozen section lab where he had gone for a rapid diagnosis of the piece of tissue. There the tumor tissue had been processed and frozen, and a piece of it sliced to a molecular thinness and then placed under the microscope and identified by a trained pathologist. In this particular emergency the tissue happened to be benign and so the operation proceeded on its routine way.

The welfare of a patient hanging on the result of such a test taken during an operation is one of the more dramatic elements of laboratory work. But it is not by any means an unusual part of its activities. For it is the function of the Pathology Service to perform skilled diagnostic procedures which will assist the clinician in making diagnoses and in evaluating the results of treatment. No patient comes into the Hospital without having something done for him by Pathology. It is the Service with which all the other Services have most in common.

"We are detectives," says CAPT J. L. Zundell, MC, USN, Chief of Pathology Service. "From a minute part taken from the patient, we try to determine what is going on in his body." The part may be a piece of tissue, or it may be a sample of his blood or body wastes. Often Pathology can make a diagnosis that clinically is impossible to detect. According to Doctor Zundell, the Oakland Naval Hospital has one of the best equipped laboratories in the Navy. He says: "I'd rather be stationed here, doing this work, than anywhere else in the world."

Pathologic anatomy, under the direction of CDR J. D. Langston, MC, USN, is one of the two main departments of Pathology. It is concerned with tissue. This department conducts diagnostic examination of tissue, including surgical and autopsy specimens; conducts special studies of unusual material by use of photographic or stain techniques; and stores and maintains cross index files of all interesting pathologic material for teaching and research purposes.

Clinical pathology is the other main department. CDR J. J. Engel-fried, MSC, USN, is its officer in charge. Here are clinical pathology's branches and the work that they do:

The Blood Bank procures, processes, and stores blood for the Hospital and prepares typing serum. Prior to the past 6 months the Blood Bank bought its typing serum from commercial firms. Now over \$12,000 per month is saved by making the



Demonstrating part of the work done at Oak Knoll's laboratory, a group of staff members, upper left, in the hematology division study samples. Front to rear, they are R. K. Borrer, HN; J. B. Thornberg, HM3; A. Kjergaard, HN; D. M. Cinnealis, HN, and C. A. Rall, HN. At upper right, a group of doctors are shown gathered around the Scopicon, used to examine specimens on slides. Shown (left to right) are LTJG W. F. Hughes, MC, USN; LTJG C. Rolle, MC, USN; LTJG J. J. Likos, MC, USNR; CAPT J. L. Zundell, MC, USN, Chief of Pathology Service, and LT M. S. Bowman, MC, USN. Preparing plates lower left, are (left to right) K. W. Schwartz, HM2; D. M. Cinnealis, HN; C. O. Robinson, HN; H. W. Walton, HN, and A. Coutts, HM3. At lower right, John Erdman, HM3, is shown preparing to run a urinalysis. In the background is E. J. Downey, HM3.

typing serum here.) Most of the blood is collected from various Naval establishments in the Bay Area. LT Miriam Bittle, NC, USN, senior nurse at the Blood Bank, has warm praise for the way in which Navy men have cooperated by giving their blood. All blood collected is used for the patients here. LT Mary E. Kelly, NC, USN, LTJG Marie Pelletier, NC, USN, H. D. Pearson, HM1, and George Davis, HM1, all have important assignments in the donor center and blood bank set-up.

In Serology the fluid portion of the blood is studied. Here the serum is obtained from blood and exam-

ined to determine the presence of disease organisms. Certain diseases are more readily detected by serologic examinations than in any other way.

Urinalysis is one of the most important diagnostic tests. The various chemical and microscope examinations which are made by this procedure are extremely helpful in revealing what is going on in the body.

In Hematology small portions of the blood are studied under the microscope so that single cells may be seen. These are stained and then examined for their size, shape, and number. By means of the staining process each portion of the cell takes a different color and thus may be distinguished and diagnosed. A trained eye can tell much about the physical condition of a patient by an examination of a few of his blood cells.

In Biochemistry portions of cells, tissues, and wastes are evaluated for their chemical components. By knowing, for example, the amount or kind of iron or phosphorous in certain cells or tissues the medical officer is aided in diagnosing a case.

Bacteriology is a farmyard where colonies of bacteria are grown to determine whether certain bacteria are present in a sample of tissue or matter taken from the patient. The sample is streaked across a plate containing a beef heart "soup" or other sterile media which gives the optimum growth for the type of bacteria which is being sought.

Other branches of the clinical pathology department are Parasitology, where parasites, such as malaria

and typhus germs, are identified; the Animal House, which maintains animals for diagnostic tests (guinea pigs for tuberculin tests, and rabbits, frogs, and mice for tumor research and pregnancy tests); and the Dependent Service Laboratory, which provides routine laboratory tests for dependents.

In addition to all the above activities, Pathology Service conducts studies in clinical pathology and pathologic anatomy; provides training for resident medical officers and internes in pathology; and conducts

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Results of tests made by the specialists among the staff at the laboratory are of the utmost importance in treatment procedures. Shown here in the process of running a test is D. K. Herrick, HM3, staff member assigned to the laboratory.



G. F. Davis, HM1, one of the staff members at the Oak Knoll Main Laboratory, is shown here as he draws blood from a bottle into a syringe. Davis, now assigned to the blood bank at Oak Knoll, received training at a school for Blood Bank Technicians at Bethesda, Md.



During the recent open house at the Red Cross Lounge, CAPT I. V. L. Norman, hospital Executive Officer, talked over with Miss Marie Adams the recent changes in the Red Cross Lounge. In the background, Mrs. Ward A. Madiera, Red Cross Canteen Service of Berkeley, is shown serving coffee and doughnuts to the guests. The patient in the background is PFC B. L. Alexander, of Ward 45A.

Naval Personnel Are Urged to Use Savings on Insurance to Buy Bonds

Naval personnel who have used the opportunity to waive premiums on National Service Life Insurance while on active service, have been advised to invest these funds in U.S. Savings Bonds.

In a recent letter to Savings Bond Officers the Director of the Office of Savings Bonds in the Department of the Navy, pointed out that "the saving of cost on \$10,000 of term insurance to every policy holder while on active duty in the Naval service as a result of the premium waiver will be at the premium rate for his or her

age, the minimum being \$6.40 per month."

"This minimum monthly saving is more than the amount of a \$6.25 allotment for the purchase of a \$25 Defense Bond on the 'Bond-a-Quarter' plan," the letter stated.

The letter urged that all military personnel who sign premium waivers "turn this 'gift from the government' to their personal advantage as well as to that of the National Defense Effort by investing the money in United States Savings Bonds through the systematic bond allotment plan."

Staff Personalities



Oak Knoll's newest Chief—that's Andy McClain, just promoted from HM1 and one of the main cogs at Educational Services. And his role at Educational Services is not a new one. A college instructor in civilian life, Andy was also an instructor at the Navy Hospital Corps school in San Diego for four years during World War II. A biologist, he was granted a Bachelor of Arts degree by the University of Illinois in 1939 and received his Master's degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1947. Andy was recalled to active duty with the Navy in the latter part of August, and, all told, has been in the Navy for more than ten years.

Located at the nerve center of Oak Knoll, the Officers of the Day's Office in the Administration Building, is D. G. Nestoroff, HM1, one of the many Coloradoans on the hospital staff. Nestoroff, who served a six-year hitch in the regular Navy from January 1941 to January 1947, is a native of Fort Lupton, Colorado, but he and Mrs. Nestoroff now live in Hayward. Before he was recalled to active duty on 1 February, Nestoroff was employed as a meat cutter in civilian life. He was overseas slightly more than three years in World War II and served in the European Theatre. In the O.D.'s office, says Nestoroff, he spends most of his time answering questions.



5 Months Ashore Most in 30 Years

If LCDR Claude A. Ross, USN, appears to be somewhat restless, it isn't because he doesn't like the hospital; it's just that he doesn't care for land. And he has been on it for five months since he arrived here in mid-January. This is the longest time Commander Ross has spent ashore in his 30-year Navy career.

Obviously the commander likes ships and travel and has seen practically all of the world since he joined the crew of the cruiser, USS OLYMPIA, as a seaman in July, 1921, after completing his boot training and a brief assignment at Norfolk. Although he didn't know it then, that brief assignment was to be his longest tour of duty ashore.

Twenty-seven years later—in October 1948—Commander Ross reported aboard the transport USS GENERAL J. C. BRECKENRIDGE (AP 176), from which he was transferred to Oak Knoll. The following year he filled out a data card on himself. In the place where he was to indicate his choice of next duty—sea and shore, he wrote as first choice, duty aboard an APA in the Pacific; second choice, an AK in the Pacific. Under "Shore Duty (give four choices)" he wrote: "Not desired."

Between the OLYMPIA and the BRECKENRIDGE the exclusively sea-going naval officer served on ten different ships, a battleship, cruisers, an aircraft carrier and a tanker. On some he had abnormally long tours of duty. He spent more than eight years on the battleship, USS

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

- 3 June
- CORBLY, Mark, to wife of Robert Corbly, FM2, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
- KNAPP, David Milton, to wife of Delbert Knapp, SA, 8 pounds.
- GOMEZ, Janice Carol, to wife of Albert Gomez, AO1, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
- BULLOCK, Gerald Joseph Jr., to wife of Gerald Bullock, SHSN, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
- WILKES, Deborah Susan, to wife of Ben Wilkes, LT, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
- WILLIAMS, girl, to wife of Merton Williams, AOC, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
- SCHULTZ, Charles Leland, to wife of Donald Schultz, AEAN, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
- 4 June
- MARTIN, Patricia Lorraine, to wife of Douglas Martin, HM3, 5 pounds, 9 ounces.
- GARRISON, boy, to wife of Charles Garrison, FA, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
- HORN, boy, to wife of Raymond Horn, AN, 5 pounds, 7 ounces.
- JIMENEZ, Irene Mary, to wife of Reynaldo Jimenez, ME1, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
- SCOGGIN, Donna Lee, to wife of John Scoggin, LT, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
- SIBSON, Deborah Lynn, to wife of Glenn Sibson, PFC, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.
- 5 June
- BAILEY, boy, to wife of Howard Bailey, AN, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
- BECK, Roy Carl Joseph, to wife of Roy Beck, PVT, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
- COTTRELL, Linda Jean, to wife of Joseph Cottrell, YN2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
- GORMAN, Kevin Patrick, to wife of John Gorman, ADC, 3 pounds, 12½ ounces.
- HART, boy, to wife of Eugene Hart, AC2, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
- 6 June
- SPIKER, Deborah Karen, to wife of William Spiker, AD2, 7 pounds.
- SLATER, Kathy Susan, to wife of George Slater, CPL, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
- WEBB, Donna Sue, to wife of John Webb, SK2, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
- GILLETTE, David Chester, to wife of Chester Gillette, AK2, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
- SHOEMAKER, Kenneth Leon, to wife of Stanley Shoemaker, PFC, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
- BISHOP, Charles Herbert, to wife of Charles Bishop, AD2, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
- 7 June
- HOCKADAY, David Jean, to wife of William Hockaday, ADC, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
- DAVIS, William Jr., to wife of William Davis, TN, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.
- SUNGAIL, Daniel Joseph, to wife of Douglas Sungail, AD2, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
- ELLIOTT, Sharon Lee, to wife of Robert Elliott, MM1, 7 pounds, 3½ ounces.



LCDR C. A. ROSS, USN

FLORIDA; 61 months, including Pearl Harbor, aboard the battleship PENNSYLVANIA. After an enlisted career as a fire controlman, he was given a temporary appointment to ensign in 1942 and seven years later was wearing two-and-a-half gold stripes on his sleeve.

The commander, an ordnance man, was once ordered to Dahlgren, Virginia, and another time to Clearfield, Utah, but he requested that his orders be cancelled. "I just didn't care to go to either of those places," he explained.

Asked what he plans to do when he retires, the salty commander said "There's nothing definite about my plans, but I have a friend, a retired Naval officer, who has a sail boat, and I think maybe we'll go on a trip somewhere."

- WADE, Diana Lee, to wife of William Wade, LTJG, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
- CARLSON, Sue Yvonne, to wife of Wilbur Carlson, EN1, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
- COHAGAN, Thomas James, to wife of Robert Cohagan, FN, 7 pounds.
- STRATTON, Carolyn Suzanne, to wife of Charles Stratton, LTJG, 9 pounds, 11 ounces.
- 8 June
- TINLIN, Patricia Ann, to wife of Robert Tinlin, ADAA, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
- HARRELL, boy, to wife of James Harrell, MMC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
- FISHER, girl, to wife of Donald Fisher, SN, 7 pounds, 8½ ounces.
- FRANK, girl, to wife of Leo Frank, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
- PETERSON, Linda Darlene, to wife of George Peterson, SKG1, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
- BALL, Rodney Elwin, to wife of Derrick Ball, AOJ3, 7 pounds.
- 9 June
- CARVIN, Susan Christine, to wife of Elton Carvin, S/SGT, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
- OLSON, James Harold, to wife of Ronald Olson, PFC, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
- McMULLEN, Vickie Lynn, to wife of John McMullen, SN, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
- JEFFERS, Patricia Ellen, to wife of Lee Jeffers, AD3, 8 pounds, 12½ ounces.
- GARCIA, Duane Gerard, to wife of Theodore Garcia, S/SGT, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.
- THOMPSON, Edith Josephine, to wife of Archie Thompson, ADC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
- PALMER, Jeannie Lee, to wife of Edward Palmer, SA, 9 pounds, 6 ounces.
- HISCOCK, Terry Anne, to wife of John Hiscock, M/SGT, 5 pounds, 7 ounces.
- MOBLEY, Mark Conrad, to wife of Robert Mobley, AE3, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Many Fields Covered By Activities at Lab

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a school for Navy Laboratory technicians, which has 18 students presently taking the one-year course.

Needless to say, Pathology Service has an enormous influence on the lives of patients at Oak Knoll, and laboratory technicians track down disease organisms with skills that Sherlock Holmes never even dreamed of.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

STUFF 'N STUFF: Watch for the NEW Andy McClain this week end. He'll be sporting a Chief's uniform—Joan Naylor and Ramsey Smith are a steady hand-holding couple. During the day she's the teacher; but after class room hours—well, that's different—Pathology's Nora Wade is getting to the hitching post today—Do you want to know how to get away without getting traffic tickets? Just be blonde and trim like Joan Smejkal—Don't tell me it doesn't pay to work in Disbursing. Look at Lillian (Diamond Lil) DuBois. She's covered with diamonds—Mary Chandler keeps yearnings for a "chaw o' tobacco" just like the old days in North Carolina—Howard Padgett's eyes can't see any of our little dolls since that wonderful night with "Guys and Dolls"—What (or who) is keeping Marge Miller from making that exciting trip to Florida?—Does Oak Knoll have an annex at Yosemite? You can't make a turn up there without bumping into a Knollite. Last week it was the Hirds—"Muggie" Mahoney has been having a streak of luck lately. Lady Luck sent around a wrist watch worth more than a C-note.—Real estate values have taken a drop since Dorothy "88 Keyes" Hager has taken to more frequent practice periods—Bertha "Mae" Durant is finally esconced in her new chateau—Does any one know where I can get a Dictionary of the South? Katie Evans uses a southern dialect and vocabulary which sounds like a totally foreign language.—Gertie Patterson is still blushing from the buss she received as a farewell present.—Do you think that is causing all the sudden onslaught of hand holding and long walks in the dusk? Another couple lost in the clouds are Blanche McDermott and Don Packard—Annette Kalista's wishing her initials didn't sound so much like "ack-ack"—Fiancee's Barbara Scott keeps an anxious eye peeled for the postman. He's the man who'll let her know if her hubby can make it back for a month's leave or not—Lou Freese writes that he's seeing a lot of the Pacific Islands. Wasn't it just yesterday he was driving an ambulance around the Base?—Watching 'the dazzling lights of the harbor from the Top 'O the Mark was Jim Crockett with his attractive Marty—Marion Trujillo's sailor-man is home on

Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll's census went down during the past week and traffic into and out of the personnel office was lighter than usual. Only 15 new members reported aboard while 25 departed for other stations.

Reporting aboard were LT Stephen V. Landreth, MC, USN, from USNH, Yokosuka, Japan; ENS Phyllis A. O'Brien, NC, USN, from USNH, Portsmouth, Va.; ENS Frances B. Fraska, NC, USNR, from USNH, Newport, R.I.; PACT John F. Jacks, USN, from USS St. Paul.

HMC H. B. King, from USMC, San Francisco; HM1's C. L. Rudolph and B. W. Bradbury, both from USMC, San Francisco; HM2 L. E. Pennington, from USNRECSTA, T.I., Calif.; HM3's W. A. Gasink, N. D. Harding and F. E. Voss, all from USNRECSTA, T.I., and R. W. Gloss, C. J. Robinson and J. C. Marshall, all from USMC, San Francisco, and HN D. M. Matlock, also from USMC, San Francisco.

Detached were LT Michael B. Kozik, SC, USN, to NOB Marianas, Guam; LTJG Eugene G. Carroll, MC, USNR, to U.S.S. Antietam; LTJG Leonard P. Troutner, MC, USNR, also to the Antietam; LT Carter W. Howel, MC, USNR, released to inactive duty; LT Dorothy E. Seidel, NC, USNR, to Naval Administrative Command, Naval Training Center, San Diego;

HMC's S. Zaccaria to Tripler Army Hospital and L. L. Linse, to USNRECSTA, T.I., for further transfer and R. W. Hasbrook to COM 12; HM1's C. W. Durbin and W. P. Escallier to FTC, San Diego; HM2's E. L. Hendrix and R. L. Huntley, also to FTC, San Diego; HM3's R. J. Mize, G. J. Braun, R. McKim, F. M. Pembroke, G. J. Rodriguez and C. O. Scott, all to FTC, San Diego, and J. E. Smith, to USNRECSTA, T.I., FFT; HN's C. H. McCraw, J. R. Preddy, C. E. Teske and R. Peck, all to USNRECSTA, T.I., FFT, and W. E. Thompson and R. C. Grace to FMF.

leave; so she took off, too. . . We must keep up the servicemen's morale—Dorothy Hopson can't get over the size of California-grown roses. She says they're big as the cabbages that grow back in Wichita—Rita Moore has all the local wolves drooling—Have you ever noticed how the San Leandro Water Works look more like a country-club than most country clubs do?



"O.K. Valentino, back to work. . ."



Shown getting ready for the bowling tourney for amputee patients, to be sponsored this week end by the Lake Tahoe American Legion post, are the captains of the three Oak Knoll teams. They are (left to right): CPL Howard C. Kinmond, USMC, of Rochester, N.Y.; R. R. Powers, FN, USN, New Bern, N. C., and S/SGT J. J. Martin, USMC, Long Beach, Calif. The three teams from the Oakland Naval Hospital will compete with three teams from Letterman Army Hospital and teams made up of Lake Tahoe Legionnaires.

Amputee Bowling Teams Are In Lake Tahoe Keg Tournament

Sixteen Oak Knoll amputee patients flew to Lake Tahoe yesterday, 15 June, to take part in a bowling tourney and week end sponsored by the Lake Tahoe American Legion.

In the tourney, the Oak Knollites, divided into three teams, were to compete with an equal number of amputees from Letterman Army Hospital and three teams made up of Lake Tahoe Legionnaires.

The Oak Knollites left from Alameda Friday morning and will fly back Sunday afternoon, 17 June. They were accompanied by LTJG E. E. Bleck, MC, USNR, and LT Jervace Crouse, NC, USN.

Captains of the three teams are S/SGT J. J. Martin, USMC, of Long Beach, Calif.; R. R. Powers, FN, USN, New Bern, N. C., and CPL Howard C. Kinmond, USMC, Rochester, N.Y.

The captains of the teams, as well as all the members, are amputee patients and have taken up bowling as part of their physiotherapy at Oak Knoll.

At Lake Tahoe the group will be welcomed by Movie Star Rita Hayworth, who will act as chief hostess throughout the week end.

The men were guests at a community luncheon on Friday, and on Saturday took tours in the lake area and were guests at a dinner in the evening.

Members of Martin's team are CPL L. R. Hargis, USMC, Spokane, Wash.; CPL Frank Whorley, USMC, Roanoke, Va.; PFC R. D. Akers, USA, Logan, W. Va., and CPL R. E. Newman, USMC, Eugene, Ore.

On Powers' team are Herbert Schulte, FN, USN, Hamilton, O.; E. A. Elish, SGT, USMC, Harwick, Pa.; CPL Anthony Cusimano, USMC, Oakland, Calif.; and LTJG Sarah Griffin, USNR, Albany, Ga.

Bowling on Kinmond's team are S/SGT Horace Smith, USMC, Perkinston, Miss.; CPL James D. White, Everett, Wash.; CPL R. H. Paulsen, USMC, New Britain, Conn., and Air

Force Veteran Jack Bates, Hayward, Calif.

Also making the trip will be PFC M. J. Ropczycki, USA, Long Beach, Calif., also an amputee.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 17 June
NIGHT INTO MORNING—Ray Milland, John Hodiak, Nancy Davis. This is a new one and has been given an advance rating of good by critics. It was formerly titled "The People We Love." Public release date for this MGM film was June 8.

Monday, 18 June
FANCY PANTS—Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, COMEDY. This movie, released last September, follows the old Hope formula and is given a rating of excellent by reviewers. With Lucille Ball doing a splendid job as a co-star, Hope is up to his usual high standards in this color film.

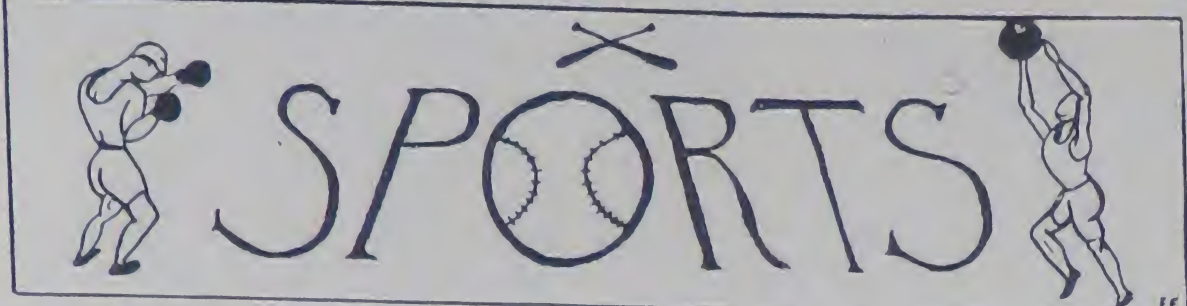
Tuesday, 19 June
FORT WORTH—Randolph Scott, Phillis Baxter, WESTERN. This is another color movie, a newer one this time. It will be released in July and although no synopsis is available, advance showings have given it a rating of very good.

Wednesday, 20 June
THE GREAT PLANE ROBBERY—Tom Conway, Margaret Hamilton. Another new one, no information concerning this film is yet available. Sounds like an adventure film. If you like surprises, this might be it.

Thursday, 21 June
NO QUESTIONS ASKED—Arlene Dahl, Barry Sullivan. The public release date for this film is set for 20 June, the day before it will be shown at Oak Knoll. Although no information is available, it promises to be a good one, judging from the names of the leading stars.

Friday, 22 June
FROGMEN—Richard Widmark, Dana Andrews. The public won't get to see this adventure film until next month. With two of Hollywood's top tough men playing the lead roles this movie promises to be packed with action. Because it is a new film, no reviews are out on it as yet.

Saturday, 23 June
THE SLEEPING CITY—Richard Conte, Coleen Gray, MELODRAMA. This film, an oldie compared to the others for the week, was released last September. Given a reviewer's rating of good, authentic settings in and around Bellevue Hospital in New York City and a realistic view of detectives at work lift this film out of the ordinary crime story category. In the movie, Conte, a police detective, assumes the position of an interne in Bellevue in order to solve a murder of a real interne. In the process he uncovers a narcotics racket. The title comes from the fact that all the action takes place at night.



Knoll Baseballers Wreak Vengeance On Hapless Mare Island Crew 22-13

Oak Knoll's baseball team turned into a carbon copy of the top of the Yankee batting order Tuesday, 12 June, and smashed out 17 hits to whomp the Mare Island squad, 22 to 13.

It was sweet revenge for the Hospital DiMaggios, Mantles and Berras as they drove one Mare Island pitcher to the showers after two-thirds of the first inning and made it a long afternoon for his relief. Earlier in the season the Oak Knollites were trounced 15-0 by the Mare Islanders.

It didn't take the Hospital sluggers long to get onto the offerings of Mare Island's Powers, and it took a while for Moore to cool off the Oak Knoll team after Powers left the game.

Bournellis started things off for Oak Knoll in the first inning with a single and scored when Young tripled. Dinuzzo struck out but then Tamborski singled, Worsham lived on a fielder's choice, McCann and Wright singled, Hook struck out, Amos singled and Bournellis flied out before the Oak Knollers even took the field.

When the dust settled it was six runs on six hits in the first inning. Mare Island had its good moments at the plate, too, collecting 11 hits off the two Oak Knoll hurlers, Amos for the first two innings and Tamborski for the rest of the game.

After seven innings Oak Knoll had a slim 13-12 lead, and in the last inning really let go. After Hook flied out, Amos smashed a triple, Bournellis singled, Young lived on an error, Dinuzzo singled, Tamborski got on when he was hit by a pitched ball, Worsham singled, McCann struck out, Estrada singled, Hook walked, Amos smacked a double, Bournellis walked and then Young singled.

Final count for that wild frame—six hits and nine runs.

Amos was the big stick for Oak Knoll, collecting a home-run, a triple, a double and a single in six times at bat. Bournellis did all right, too, getting three hits in seven times at bat.

Thursday the Oak Knoll squad hoped to keep smacking the ball in a scheduled double-header with Treasure Island at the home field.

Varsity Softball Team Wins, Loses Contests With Treasure Islanders

Oak Knoll's varsity softball team split with two teams from Treasure Island during the past week, winning 6-5 in a game with USNRECSTA Ship's Company on Wednesday, 6 June, and then losing, 11-0, to USNRECSTA Transients on Monday, 11 June.

The game with T.I. Ship's Company had to go an extra inning before Oak Knoll's Wong hit a towering fly ball to score the winning run after the bases had been loaded.

Hinds went all the way on the mound for the Oak Knoll squad and gave up seven hits in the eight-inning game. Olburding was the twirler for the T.I. team and allowed 15 hits by the Oak Knoll sluggers.

Both pitchers did their part in the batter's box, as Hinds collected three safeties in four times at bat to lead the Oak Knoll averages and Olburding got two hits, a double and a single, to lead the T.I. team.

Barnes, Pearsall, and Hillan each got two for four on the Oak Knoll hit ledger, while Wong, Webb, Wandling and Pyne got one each. Wandling's was a booming four-bagger.

The T.I. Transient team was something else, however, as their pitcher, Val, effectively handcuffed the Oak Knoll batters for five innings, when Tom Moore got a scratch single for the only safe Oak Knoll hit of the afternoon.

Tafoya started the game on the mound for Oak Knoll and was replaced by Moore in the fifth.

On Wednesday, 13 June, the Oak Knollites were scheduled to go against Fleet Air, Alameda, and on Monday, 18 June, will tangle with NAS, Moffett Field.

Bozeman, Mont. (AFPS)—Mrs. Rose A. Currier traded in her old car on a 1951 model. And "old car" is no exaggeration. It was a 1914 model T Ford, which the dealer said was "in tip-top shape."

Decatur, Ga. (AFPS)—Ivory Smith's car collided with another automobile driven by Paul Smith. DeKalb County police investigating the accident were G. A. Smith and A. H. Smith.

Softball League In Second Round

The CPO team pulled all the stops Monday, 11 June, to get the second round of the intra-hospital softball tourney off to a booming start by trouncing the Civil Service Girls' team, 26 to 0.

In the previous week, ending the first round of play, Surgery II took the measure of the NP Department by a score of 14-2 on Monday, 4 June; the CPO team showed little feeling for the Independents and wrecked them 18-6 on Tuesday, 5 June; the Record Office took a forfeit game from the Civil Service Girls on Wednesday, 6 June, and the Officers wound up the week by taking a close one from the Laboratory squad, 2-0.

Other games scheduled for the last week included Surgery II versus Record Office on Tuesday, 12 June; Officers versus Independents on Wednesday, 13 June, and NP Department versus Laboratory on Thursday, 14 June.

Next week the CPO's and Officers will tangle on Monday, 18 June; the Record Office will play Laboratory on Tuesday, 19 June; Independents will tackle the NP Department on Wednesday, 20 June, and the Civil Service Girls will play Surgery II on Thursday, 21 June.

Meanwhile, Oak Knoll turned up on the losing side again in Twelfth Naval District Women's Softball League action when the hospital team fell prey to the Camp Stoneman WACS to the tune of 18 to 4 on Thursday, 7 June.

The Oak Knoll Women's team was scheduled to go against the WACS from the Presidio on Thursday, 14 June.

Taffs

One morning Brown looked over his garden wall and said to his neighbor: "What are you burying in that hole?"

"Ch," he said, "I'm just replanting some of my seeds, that's all."

"Seeds," shouted Brown angrily "It looks more like one of my hens."

"It is. The seeds are inside."

Sign at a meat market in Tallahoma, Tenn.: "Our pork makes better chicken salad than any tuna fish you ever used."

Mistress: "Marie, when you wait on the table tonight for my guest, please don't spill anything."

Maid: "Don't you worry, ma'am. I never talk much."

A city and a chorus girl
Are much alike, 'tis true;
A city's built with outskirts,
A chorus girl is too.

Kurzrok, Suess Tennis Champs

A duo made up of CDR M. Kurzrok, MC, USN, and LTJG P. H. Suess, DC, USNR, were crowned during the past week as champs in the Oak Knoll intrahospital doubles tennis tourney.

The Kurzrok-Suess combination had no trouble defeating the Reginato-Papadakis team in the final of the eight team tourney by score of 6-1, 6-2.

While Reginato and Papadakis had moved to the finals on two forfeits, the winners had a battle all the way. In the first round they defeated Wandling-Zikmund, 6-1 and 6-4, and in the semi-finals disposed of Brisanahan-Irvine, 6-2, 6-1.

Brisanahan-Irvine got to the semi-final round by ousting Randall-Ash in the first canto, 5-7, 6-4 and 7-5.

The singles tourney, first delayed because of the cold weather and now held up because one of the finalists is on leave and the other about to leave, moved one step nearer to completion this week.

Here again CDR Kurzrok overcame all opposition to move to the finals where he will meet LTJG H. S. Wandling, MCR, USNR.

Dr. Wandling won his way to the finals during the past week by defeating Fichter, 6-1, 6-1, in the semi-finals.

STATION'S COMBO NEEDS SAX PLAYER

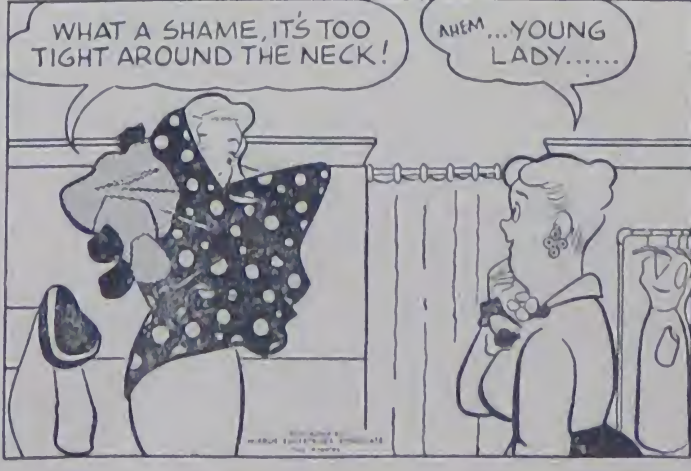
An urgent call for anyone at Oak Knoll able to tootle a saxophone has been sounded by Paul Miller, HMC, organizer and director of the Hospital dance band.

Miller, who has been working steadily with the band since it was first formed more than a month ago, said his organization is now complete except for a competent and reliable sax man.

The band made its first public appearance on 25 May when it provided music for a dance at the Enlisted Men's club.

Anyone who can play a sax is urged to contact Miller at Welfare and Recreation.

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Amputee Patient Gets New Home

A Mill Valley Korean War veteran, and patient on Ward 42A, PVT Alvin Long, USMCR, received a big surprise last Thursday, as a group of Gray Ladies from San Rafael took him home for a few hours.

PVT Long was surprised to the tune of a 7 room house to be built for him by the Carpenters' Union, San Rafael, Marin County. Mr. Norman Campbell, Business Representative for the union, arranged for PVT Long to be taken to San Rafael last Thursday to confer with the architects, and the whole thing came as a complete surprise.

PVT Long has served 2½ years with the Marine Corps, being recalled to active duty about 6 months ago. He was wounded in Central Korea on 17 May, and both legs were amputated at an Army field hospital in Korea.

MISS TRACY JOINS HOSPITAL RED CROSS

A new member has been added to the Red Cross Recreation staff at Oak Knoll. The new member is Miss Polly Tracy, whose home is in Summit, New Jersey.

Miss Tracy came to Oak Knoll from Letterman Hospital in San Francisco where she completed a four week training course.

Currently working at the Red Cross

Schedule Listed At New USO Club

Of good news to servicemen in the Bay Area during the past week was the opening on Monday, 18 June, of a new U.S.O. at 660 13th street in Oakland, sponsored by the National Catholic Community Services.

The new club has a full seven-day weekly schedule for servicemen. On Sunday and Saturday the club is open from 1300 to 2300; on Wednesday from 1500 to 2300, and on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1500 to 1700 and from 1900 to 2000.

Featured on Sundays, Wednesdays and Saturdays are dancing and television shows; on Monday, card games; Tuesday, television; Thursday, folk dance instruction, and Friday, popular dance instruction.

In addition, the club always has available a lounge, library, gymnasium, game room, information stand, letter writing equipment, stamps, showers, and shaving and clothes pressing equipment.

The dances at the club on Saturday night feature an orchestra, the others are to recorded music.

Servicemen in the area are urged to drop in and get acquainted with the new facilities opened for their benefit.

Lounge, Miss Tracy expects to work in most of the Red Cross Departments at the hospital as a part of her indoctrination to her new duties here.



Vernon P. Ault, HN, USN, is shown above receiving a Silver Star Medal from BRIGEN F. S. Robillard, USMC, at ceremonies held at Oak Knoll on Tuesday, 19 June. Nine patients, in addition to Ault, were presented awards at the ceremony. Ault received his award "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with a Marine infantry company in Korea on 29 September 1950."

Service Awards Are Presented Patients By BRIGEN Robillard

Ten patients at Oak Knoll were presented service awards in ceremonies held in the Circle on Tuesday, 19 June. The awards were presented by BRIGEN F. S. Robillard, USMC.

Awarded the Silver Star Medal was Vernon P. Ault, HN, USN, "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with a Marine infantry company in Korea on 29 September 1950."

Ault's citation stated: "During an attack by his company, Hospitalman Ault, acting as a company corpsman, was painfully wounded in the leg and arm. Despite the severe pain and extreme loss of blood, he courageously continued to administer aid to the wounded while under intense enemy small arms and machine gun fire. He refused to be evacuated but continued to administer first aid until he collapsed and had to be carried to the aid station."

Two patients, M/SGT Emerson Pinney, USMC, and SGT H. D. Gordon, USMC, were awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Pinney's citation, referring to his service in charge of a supply department, said, "Master Sergeant Pinney performed outstanding service in the line of his profession while operating in Korea. Although the Group Sup-

ply Department had only a portion of its complement and logistically supported more squadrons than its capacity, this department at all times performed outstanding service, this being, in a large measure, due to the untiring efforts of M/SGT Pinney."

Gordon was cited as follows: "On numerous occasions, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, SGT Gordon exposed himself to intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire in order to direct the action of his men. He continued to conduct himself in this daring manner until seriously wounded."

Presented a Commendation Medal at the ceremonies was SGT C. R. Lister, USMC, whose citation said: "On numerous occasions he established roadblocks completely isolated from supporting units and without communications. His skillful employment of his section and weapons resulted in the successful accomplishment of all assigned missions and his actions set an example for all who served with him."

Two patients, PFC F. H. Rino, USMC, and CPL W. C. Jones, USMC, were presented a Gold Star in lieu of a second Purple Heart Medal, while four others, Leroy F. Barber, GMC, USN; PFC W. J. Harrington, USMC; PFC G. A. Kane, USMC, and PFC A. L. Long, USMC, all were presented Purple Heart Medals.



Six students from the University of California Medical School visited Oak Knoll on Friday, 15 June. At the Hospital the students were taken on a tour of the compound and examined the facilities available here. The students, who were guests at a luncheon at the Officers' Club, were also told of advantages offered by a Navy internship. The luncheon party, shown above, included (left to right) T. H. Newton, D. A. Strange, H. R. Hahn, CDR T. D. Cuttle, MC, USN; CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer; CDR B. R. McCampbell, MC, USN; CAPT I. L. V. Norman, MC, USN, Executive Officer; D. E. Pearson, M. N. Gropper, D. N. Cook, and CAPT A. Zikmund, MC, USN.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

To anyone interviewing or observing a large number of people it is most impressive to note the difference in reaction and results of men placed in the same circumstances.

Some accept circumstances, whether good or bad, then go to work and make a great success of themselves and contribute to the welfare and happiness of those around them. Other men spend their lives resenting circumstances, trying to escape them and doing nothing about coping with them, and so accomplish little or nothing.

In most cases the real difference is not one of abilities but of attitudes. It is so easy to just sit back and let things happen to us and then blame them on fate or on someone else. Of course there are many things over which we have no control, but our personal reaction to them and the effect they have on us depend largely upon ourselves. We can use any circumstance, favorable or adverse, to our advantage if we try. Difficulties should serve only to bring out our best efforts, and our abilities grow as they are used.

We are responsible for what we make of our lives. Christ illustrated this and emphasized that God expects real effort from everyone according to his abilities in the Parable of the Talents. Different amounts were entrusted to three men, and after a time an accounting was made. Two men had worked well and doubled the amount entrusted to them; but the third man did nothing and for this was severely blamed by his master.

Each one of us has been given many abilities and opportunities. What we make of them is largely up to us and on that our lives will be judged.

LCDR WILLIAM TROWER,
Catholic Chaplain.

Divine Services

Hospital Chapel at Main Gate

PROTESTANT

BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945

SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1100

FELLOWSHIP HOUR — MONDAY

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CHAPEL & 40A

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in Staff Conference Room,

Adm. Bldg. Annex

Chaplains of other faiths will be called upon request

BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045

Two Sets of Twins Born Here In Week

Two sets of twins made their entrance into the world during the past week at Oak Knoll's Maternity Department.

On Sunday, 10 June a daughter and a son were born to CWO and Mrs. Alan Ellis, of 3880 Highland Blvd., Hayward. CWO Ellis is now stationed at T. and R. Command, Camp Pendleton. The twins were named Alan Daniel, Jr., and Alana Jean.

On Wednesday, 13 June, a son and daughter were born to the wife of James Cowan, HM3, who is stationed at Treasure Island. The Cowan twins were named Donald Ray and Deborah Kay.

All told, 53 babies were born during the past week at Oak Knoll, of which 28 were boys and 25 girls.

Among the happy new fathers was Fred Adams, HM3, assistant to the Protestant Chaplains at Oak Knoll.

Red Cross Ramblings



Above are shown several Oak Knoll patients at work in the Red Cross Craft Shop (Building 31), with Mrs. Edgar White, Red Cross Berkeley Chapter Gray Lady, one of several who assist the men in their various projects. The men are James R. Daniels, AC2, USN, Louis G. Guy, EN2, USN; Herman Balzano, AA, USN; F. I. Jones, MMC, USN, and M SGT L. V. Ottinger, USMC.

RANCHO EL NIDO BREAKFAST

Do you like to eat your breakfast sitting by the side of an outdoor swimming pool? Patients at the U.S. Naval Hospital may participate in the gay festivities every Sunday morning, while devouring hot cakes and sipping coffee. Radio Station KLX broadcasts for half an hour beginning at 1130. Ask some of the men who have attended recently about the fun they had. If you are interested in going see the Red Cross Worker on your ward about signing up for the next breakfast broadcast.

SIMULTANEOUS CHESS MATCH

Last Monday evening Oak Knoll chess talent vied with the well-known chess players from Cutter Laboratories, Berkeley. The matches were held in the Red Cross Lounge and the Oak Knoll contingent was kept busy with all the intricate moves of these chess players. Tuesday evening the men went to Letterman General Hospital for a return match with the soldiers. ERNIE BARTHOLOMEW, of Ward 76A, CPL RUDY FUENTEZ, USMC, of Ward 76A, and LEROY KIRKPATRICK, Ward 79B, were active participants in these matches.

BRONCO BUSTER

Fifty patients were the guests of the Salinas Chapter, Red Cross, Mr. William B. Lawrence, manager, on Friday, 22 June, at their annual rodeo. To many of the men, particularly those who live on the East Coast, it was their first experience as eye witness of branding, calf riding and taming and breaking buckin' broncos. The main attraction of the afternoon highlights was the master horsemanship and stunt riders who performed the most difficult features astride horses. The Old West was the finale on the program with gun shootin' and fanfare. Dinner was served at the American Legion clubhouse and as the group returned to Oak Knoll one could hear "Ride 'Em Cowboy," and "Hi Ho Silver" again and again.

WAFFLES

The four waffle irons in the Red

Cross were utilized on Ward 75B the other evening. It was Tuesday when the Gray Ladies from the Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda Chapters of Red Cross visited the hospital. They were seen enroute to the ward with their arms filled with electrical appliances, pitchers, waffle mix, eggs and milk. WELDON BANKSTON, SA, USN, met them and assisted in setting up the equipment. Soon everyone was busy mixing batter, adjusting waffle irons, setting up the paper plates and utensils. GEORGE SMITH, VAP, and FRED E. MOORE, VAP, USMC, along with CPL FRANK DOLLY, USMC, and WILLIAM ZIEGLER (Ret.) USN, were helpers in this project. It was a very successful party as evidenced by the "clean plates" when the last waffle was baked.

SEAT ON THE AISLE

As Broadway prepares to take its summer siesta—the season officially ended last week—why not a Little Theater organization on this base? Haven't you sometime or other been interested in trying your skill in dramatics? This is strictly amateur and for fun, so contact the Red Cross or CPL PAT OWENS at the Army Liaison Section. Staff and patients alike, let us hear from you. We would like to hold a meeting at a convenient time and gather together people interested in putting their talents to work. Let us hear from you this week.

WAVE Minimum Age Limit Lowered to 18

Washington (AFPS) — The minimum age limit for WAVE recruits has been lowered from 20 to 18 years of age, the Navy announced.

The new minimum age limit is now in effect. Applicants who have not yet reached their 20th birthday, however, must meet a new requirement—they must have a high school diploma.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

10 June

CLARK, Richard Neal, to wife of Eugene Clark, ETC, 8 pounds.
BROWN, Jo Ann Marie, to wife of Bennett Brown, PNT, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
KELLY, Kathleen, to wife of John Kelly, AD1, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
HULSE, Deborah Jean, to wife of Orville Hulse, SA, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
ELIAS, Alan Daniel, Jr., and Alma Jean, to wife of Alan Ellis, CWO, 4 pounds, 9 ounces and 5 pounds, 2 ounces.

11 June

CRUMPACKER, Donald Lyle, to wife of Virgil Crumpacker, ADC, 9 pounds, 2½ ounces.
GALLAGHER, Honor, to wife of Hugh Gallagher, LT, 6 pounds, 1½ ounces.
NEIDENBACH, Henry Lee, to wife of Henry Neidenbach, QMS, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
BOWMAN, Gail Anne, to wife of Clifford Bowman, PFC, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
CONNELL, Rose Ann, to wife of William Connell, ATA, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
LAW, John Townely, Jr., to wife of John Law, LCDR, 10 pounds, 5½ ounces.
TOUCHTON, Gail, to wife of Alex Touchton, 1st LT, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

12 June

JURKOVICH, Patricia Ann, to wife of Eli Jurkovich, SA, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
HUDSON, James Steven, to wife of James Hudson, AN, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
DE LORENZO, Vincent John, to wife of George De Lorenzo, AD1, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
REID, James Richard, to wife of John Reid, Jr., MML, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
AGRUSA, Ann Cheryl, to wife of Nicholas Agrusa, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
ST. LEZIN, Barbara Lynn, to wife of Richard St. Lezin, SN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
FOREMAN, William Clay, to wife of Charles Foreman, MEC, 7 pounds.
LE PELLLET, Steven Rent, to wife of Le-Roy Le Pelllet, DC1, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

13 June

GRAY, Patricia Jeanette, to wife of Howard Gray, 2nd LT, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
QUINN, Roy, to wife of Charles Quinn, ADC, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
COWAN, Donald Ray and Deborah Kay, to wife of James Cowan, HM3, 6 pounds, 11 ounces and 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
McDERMID, Michael Wayne, to wife of Earl McDermid, EM2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
ADAMS, Steven Rand, to wife of David Adams, LTJG, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
MIXON, Gail, to wife of Jimmy Mixon, PFC, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
GIBSON, Walter Hubert, to wife of Hubert Gibson, FN, 8 pounds.

14 June

ANGAM, Celia Marie, to wife of John Angam, SKG1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
GILLETTE, Harold Walter, Jr., to wife of Harold Gillette, YN1, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
ROSELLE, Jeffery Gale, to wife of William Roselle, ETC, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
BECKMAN, Robert James, Jr., to wife of Robert Beckman, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
GOODLOE, Terry Lynn, to wife of James Goodloe, SN, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
GRIFFITHS, David Michael, to wife of Frederick Griffiths, CSG3, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
POPE, Linda Ann, to wife of Robert E. Pope, FN, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.
McINTOSH, Donna Ann, to wife of William McIntosh, YN1, 7 pounds, 15½ ounces.

15 June

LINDEMANN, Gail, to wife of Herman Lindemann, DK1, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
EBY, Henry Herman, to wife of Richard Eby, T/SGT, 7 pounds.
STRANDBERG, Ted H., to wife of Carl Strandberg, APL, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
HOEGER, Carla Melanic, to wife of Joseph Hoeger, T/SGT, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
BOTELHO, Sylvia Jean, to wife of Gilbert Botelho, SN, 5 pounds, 3 ounces.
GRIMM, Michael Edward, to wife of Max Grimm, RM1, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
NICKSON, William Edward, to wife of Bruce Nickson, AT3, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

16 June

MICKLOS, Beverly Sue, to widow of Ronald Micklos, CPL, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
PENDARVIS, Valerie Jo, to wife of Leon Pendarvis, BM2, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.
ROST, James Clark, to wife of John Rost, LTJG, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.
ADAMS, Franklin Clark, to wife of Fred Adams, HM3, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.
KOHLSAAT, Carolyn, to wife of Karl Kohlsaatt, ENS, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
COY, Nancy Ann, to wife of Donald Coy, CDR, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
WILHOIT, Barbara Lynn, to wife of Charles Wilhoit, LTJG, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
RASMUSSEN, Michael Dennis, to wife of George Rasmussen, AK3, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
McCAMMON, Carl, to wife of Donald McCammon, AD2, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.



LT Parsons Joins Personnel Staff

One of the newest faces in the Staff Personnel Office belongs to LT J. W. Parsons, MSC, USN, who reported aboard on 1 June to assume his new duties as Assistant Chief of Personnel Division. LT Parsons came to Oak Knoll from the Stockton Group, Pacific Reserve Fleet.

He has seen 26½ years of Naval service; having enlisted in January, 1925. During World War II he served at the FMF Headquarters in Honolulu, participated in the landings at Guadalcanal, served aboard the USS Crescent City, and was stationed at the Naval Station at Samoa. He served at Oak Knoll hospital in 1943 as Personnel Officer.

Mr. Parsons' family is currently residing in Stockton, California.

Chief Allen Proud Father of Daughter

J. L. Allen, AOC, USN, the genial and very well-liked Navy Chief who is a patient on amputee Ward 42A, became the proud father of Judith Lynn Allen, a 7 pound 11 ounce baby girl, on 13 May here at Oak Knoll.

Allen's wife, Helen, and Judith, whose present fighting weight is 8 pounds 4 ounces, are now at home and doing fine according to the latest report from Chief Allen. The Allens also have a little boy, Jerry, who is 16 months old.

Chief Allen lost both legs and part of his right hand in a helicopter accident last year.

Marines Finish First Mobile Plane Hangar

Cherry Point, N. C. (AFPS)—The world's first mobile airplane hangar has been completed at the Marine Corps Air Station here.

Nicknamed the "Clamshell," the hangar is constructed in two triangular sections mounted on steel wheels which roll on railroad tracks. Power is furnished by four electric motors in both ends of the hangar.

Planes taxi between the two sections and the hangar closes around them. The "Clamshell" is 29 feet high, 173 feet long, and weighs 118 tons.



Employees of the Southern Pacific Railroad in California gave freely of their own time last week to present a variety show at the Oak Knoll auditorium. Shown above gathered on stage for their finale is the complete cast of the show, managed by Dorothy McDougall. At left is shown the members of the Women's Trio, Josephine, Gladys and Ruth.

Variety Program Is Presented Here By Southern Pacific Employees

Employees of the Southern Pacific Railroad office in San Francisco on Thursday, 14 June, brought to the auditorium at Oak Knoll a musical program that ranked with the best appearing at the hospital for some time.

Highlight of the program was the 36-member Glee Club, directed by Ted Hopkins, which for the past two years has visited many servicemen's hospitals and veterans' hospitals in the Bay Area, rehearsing for such programs and presenting them on their own time.

From the time the Glee Club opened the program with "Glory Train" until the entire cast assembled on the stage for the finale, the program was a big success with its audience.

Songs during the program by the Glee Club included "Oklahoma," "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor," "I Got Plenty of Nuttin'," "Night and Day," "By the Light of the Silvery Moon," and "Softly, As in the Morning Sunrise."

Others on the program included Ozark Bill and his guitar; a women's trio; vocal solos by Phil Rosenstock, John Fishel, Carol Johnson, Dorothy McDougall and J. J. Milo.

In addition the program included a Spanish dance by Marlyn Barker, a piano solo by Ted Hopkins and selections by the Peninsula Accordiners, a group of five accordionists directed by Charles Hajeck.

The program was arranged and managed by Dorothy McDougall.

Commanding Officer
U.S. Naval Hospital
Oakland, California

Dear Sir:

On Sunday, May 13th, my brother and his daughter were injured severely in a plane crash at Hoberg's Airport near Clear Lake.

A Navy doctor, LTJG C. H. Wright, WAVE Rita Moore, and Corpsman R. E. Rampton were at the scene, apparently attending a group of amputees, and they took over immediately. They administered emergency treatment and supervised the care and handling of the injured. Spectators have informed me that their work was outstanding, and our doctor told me it might well have meant the difference between life and death, or paralysis for my brother.

These Naval personnel are certainly deserving of commendation.

Yours very truly,
Arlo B. Elsen
15008 Fleming St.
San Lorenzo, Calif.

Display to Feature Gems Worth Near \$2,000,000

Want to see \$1,000,000 in diamonds—\$500,000 in sapphires, a \$100,000 collection of other gems and precious stones, plus a Jade exhibition, Cameos, Opals and a collection of petrified wood?

Fifty free tickets for the annual Mineral and Gem Show, to be held in conjunction with the 12th annual convention of California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, have been made available to Oak Knoll.

The gems and minerals will be on display at the Oakland Exposition Building on 22, 23, 24 June between 1000 and 2200.

Feature of this year's show is the million dollars in diamonds furnished by Mr. Martin Ehrmann of Los Angeles, a diamond broker. Also on display will be the Star of Queensland, the largest star sapphire in the world, plus other sapphires valued at over \$500,000.

For those interested in minerals Mrs. Jessie Hirsch of Mariposa will have on display her famed collection of crystals and petrified wood. Jade fanciers can see two collections—those of Donal Hord of Pacific Beach and of Gump's of San Francisco.

Any Oak Knollites interested in the exhibit should contact either a Red Cross Recreation worker or the Welfare and Recreation department.

"RAMBLIN' AMPS" FROLIC, BOWL AT LAKE TAHOE



The above pictures show just a few of the many highlights of "The Ramblin' Amps" recent trip to Lake Tahoe. (1) The Oak Knoll patients arrive at Minden Douglas Airport and are welcomed by the legionnaire reception committee, who took them to Lake Tahoe. (2) S/SGT J. J. Martin, USMC, CAPT and Mrs. Earhart, and CPL L. R. Hargis, USMC, look at the flowered tropical shirts the Earharts presented to the guests to wear over the week end. (3) LTJG Sarah Griffin, NC, USNR, and CPL Frank Whorley, USMC, (both amputees) demonstrate that artificial limbs can be effectively used for jitterbugging. (4) In the middle of the heat of the bowling match between Letterman and Oak Knoll are CPL L. R. Hargis, and an unidentified soldier from Letterman. (5) PFC Mike Ropezycki, USA, gives Miss Rita Hayworth, chief hostess for the week end, a few points on good bowling form. This was the first time Miss Hayworth had ever held a bowling ball. (6) SGT H. U. Smith, USMC, helps LT Jervace Crouse, NC, USN, get into her flowered shirt, as Al Young, Legion program chairman, looks on. (7) S/SGT Johnny Martin, (lucky dog) talks a few things over with Rita Hayworth. (Note the far-away look in his eye) (8) Al Young and Rita Hayworth introduce a few of the amputees to a group of girls vacationing at Tahoe. (In bathing suits, yet)

Rita Hayworth Outing Hostess

Members of the "Ramblin' Amps," Oak Knoll's amputee bowling team, enjoyed a week end crowded with fun, food, bowling and Rita Hayworth, at Lake Tahoe this past week end.

The amputees were invited by the American Legion to participate in a bowling match with the amputee team from Letterman Army hospital, and at the same time enjoy the week end filled with entertainment of all kinds.

Rita Hayworth Is Hostess

The team left NAS, Alameda, on Friday morning and landed at the Minden Douglas Airport, and then proceeded to Glenbrook Inn to get transportation across the lake in the Coast Guard Auxiliary boats. They arrived at Young's Bijou pier about 1330 and then the fun began. The group was met by the reception committee and Miss Rita Hayworth, who acted as chief hostess for the week end. A reception program was held in the Campus Room of the Bal-Bijou, which lasted until 1530, when lunch was served at the Colonial Club in Stateline. After lunch the guests were free to rest, see sights, or do as they might wish, until dinner time at 2000.

After dinner and more entertainment, the entire group proceeded to the Tahoe Bowl, where the bowling match between the amputees from Letterman and Oak Knoll was held. Out of the 3,000 points possible in the match, the Knoll bowlers edged Letterman by a mere 89 points.

Lunch With Legion Auxiliary

Saturday morning saw breakfast served at 0830 at Sahati's Country Club, and once again the guests were free to enjoy the many recreational facilities available at Lake Tahoe. Lunch was served by the American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 795 at the Legion Hall, after which arrangements were made for an excursion of Lake Tahoe with the Coast Guard Auxiliary in the motor launch "Skip-along." Fishing trips were also planned for those guests who cared to enjoy them.

Dinner on Saturday night was served at 1900 at George Cannon's Gateway Club, once again in the company of Miss Hayworth, and the evening was highlighted with a fine program of entertainment.

Guests Tour Area

Brunch on Sunday morning was served at Connolly's Bijou Inn, and the group stayed there until 1500 when they departed by bus and traveled around the south end of the lake, and across the mountains to the airport at Minden. The plane left the airport about 1630 and arrived back at NAS, Alameda, at 1600.

Norristown, Pa. (AFPS) — The town's unmarried glamor girls got out their Sunday best and celebrated "Old Maids' Day." They even selected one of their number as "outstanding old maid."

Richmond, Va. (AFPS)—A juror, the victim of a coughing spell, was disturbing court proceedings. The plaintiff offered him a cough drop. The judge took a dim view of the offer, and called a mistrial.



Doing a job that to many servicemen is one of the most important of all are the personnel of the Post Office Department at Oak Knoll. Above, left, the Corpsmen assigned to the staff mail room sort mail. They are (left to right) Milton Steele, HM2, and John Pratt, HM3. Above right, Mr. Bill Thorne, Post Office Clerk, writes a money order at the registry window. Shown sorting mail at lower left is Mr. Joe Messer, Superintendent of the Oak Knoll Hospital Post Office, while at lower right, Miss Ida Hodge and Hosea Lewis are shown tracing addresses at the Post Office Directory office.

Postal Worker's Job Popular With Knollites

Getting his mail often and on time is about the most important thing in the world to a man in the armed forces. It's home and blueberry pie and the girl friend and the old bunch all tucked into that rectangular shaped envelope. No wonder the post office is number one on almost everyone's hit parade.

The P.O. here gets between 2-3 pouches of mail a day. Each pouch contains about 3,000 pieces of mail. Approximately the same amount goes out.

Mail is picked up for the wards by runners who call at the P.O. several times a day. Corpsmen mail is handled through the corpsmen mail room at the enlisted men's lounge. Officers' letters are distributed at the officers' mail room in the administration building.

Superintendent of the Oak Knoll P.O. is Joseph R. Messer who has been in charge since last November and has chalked up twenty-six years in the postal service. (He is also Old Navy, having served from 1916-20, and was a Chief Warrant Officer, Machinist from 1941-46.)

He reports that since he took over as Superintendent the mail has steadily increased, but that this is purely coincidental. To handle this busy traffic quickly and efficiently Superintendent Messer has the help of two clerks, William Thorne and Claude Moose.

Supervisor of the postal directory is Everett Sheldon. He is the wizard-man who is in charge of redirecting all mail that's been misaddressed, or that comes into the Hospital without a ward number, or the like. He has five civilians and a sailor to help him get mail to you no matter how quaintly or inadequately the sender may have addressed the envelope. Needless to say, it holds up the works and even may prevent your receiving the latter if it is not addressed fully and properly. Also, says Mr. Sheldon, people going on leave should inform the postal directory whether they want their mail forwarded to them or held until they return.

Windows are open at the post office from 0830-1200 noon and 1300-1600 Monday-Friday, and from 0830-1100 on Saturdays. Mail arrives daily ex-

cept Saturday, Sunday, and holidays at 0700 and 1200; Saturdays at 0700. Mail departs daily except Saturday, Sunday, and holidays at 1200 and 1600; Saturdays at 1100.

Knollites Are Invited To Attend Horse Show

Fanciers of equestrian art—which does not include bangtails loping around an oval track, will migrate from Oak Knoll Sunday, 24 June, to the Sequoia Arena, Joaquin Miller Park, for the horse show sponsored by the Metropolitan Horsemen's association.

At last reports more than half the 60-odd tickets set aside for Oak Knollites wishing to attend the show had been spoken for. The tickets were handled by the Welfare and Recreation department.

This show is generally classified as one of the best of its kind in this area and those who attend are certain to be pleased with the display of horsemanship.

Welcome and Farewell

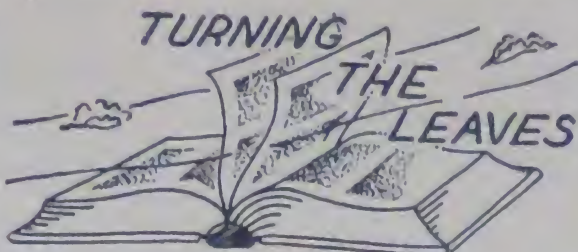
The staff census at Oak Knoll picked up considerably during the past week as 38 new members reported aboard for duty while only 29 were detached.

Reporting aboard were LT Wayne K. Dutloff, MSC, USNR, from inactive duty; ENS Nancy L. Harrigan, NC, USN, and ENS Albina M. Yeager, NC, USNR, both from USNH, Portsmouth, Va.; ENS Bernice Syostak, NC, USN, from George Washington University, Washington, D.C.; LT Mable G. Anderson, NC, USNR, from inactive duty; LT George H. De May, MC, USNR, from MSTSP, San Francisco; LT Pauline M. Bednarski, NC, USN, from USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; LCDR Jesse F. Adams, MC, USN, from the USS TOLEDO; CWOHC J. E. Roach, USN, from Alameda Group Pac. Res. Flt., USN-AS, Alameda; LT Arlene M. Rike, NC, USNR, from MSTS, San Francisco; LT Rosanne Martin, NC, USNR, from civilian life, and ENS Barbara A. Dunphy, NC, USNR, and ENS Myrtle A. Neth, NC, USNR, both from USNH, Newport, R.I.;

HMI's W. R. Buckley, from MSTS, San Francisco; P. D. Wolf and G. R. Smith from USNRECSTA, T.I., and L. Spencer from Mare Island; HM2 W. H. Rickson, Jr., from USNRECSTA, T.I.; HM3's D. R. McNab, R. W. Bower, S. R. Hughes, D. Phillips, E. L. Sell, and J. Welch, Jr., all from USNRECSTA, T.I.; W. M. Jones from FMF, San Diego; D. Rushing from Adak, Alaska, and B. C. Berkenstock, from RS, Washington; HN's J. H. Peck from USNH, San Diego; D. Skiles from Camp Pendleton; D. E. Johnson, from Adak, and W. H. Roam, also from USNH, San Diego; HA's J. L. Heaney from USNH, Oceanside, R. H. Hubbard, G. J. Stens and B. B. Peterson, from USNH, San Diego, and J. R. Miller, J. E. Davis and E. D. Boaz, all from Mare Island.

Detached from duty at Oak Knoll during the past week were CDR Milton Kurzrok, MC, USNR, to USNH, Chelsea, Mass.; LTJG Leslie Joslin, MSC, USN, to Treasure Island; LTJG Mary M. Thornton, NC, USNR, to inactive duty; LTJG James E. Crockett, MC, USNR, to T.I. NAVSTA, San Francisco; LTJG Elizabeth E. Clark, NC, USN, to MSTSPac/NorthPac Area, Seattle; ENS Ann A. Bergen, NC, USN, and LTJG Aileen A. Dean, NC, USNR, to civilian life; LTJG D. V. Mahony, MC, USNR, to MSTS Pac, San Francisco for duty afloat; LCDR K. Rizo, Royal Hellenic Navy, to USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; LTJG D. J. Garber, NC, USNR, to Scol Aviation Med.; Montgomery, Ala.; LTJG Ione Thorson, NC, USNR, to Naval Infirmary, Inyokern, Calif.; LTJG Patricia Roe, NC, USNR, to Long Beach, Calif.;

HMI's P. R. Montgomery to FMF; H. Thompson to USNRECSTA, T.I., for further transfer; O. Smith to NAS, Moffett Field, and W. R. Buckley to NAS, Alameda; HM2's T. H. Barnes and W. W. Beerbaum to FMF; R. G. Bayt, to NTS, Great Lakes, and B. P. Towne, to San Francisco; HM3's J. E. Coble to USNH, San Diego; R. E. Thompson to NCBT Ctr., Port Hueneme; M. C. Roberts to USNH, San Diego, and J. R. Erdman to NOTS, Inyokern; and



The newest Bureau shipment of books for the library had a heavy accent on history. The panoramic historical novel is definitely on the march for summer reading, with Evan John's "Ride Home, Tomorrow" and Lawrence Schoonover's "The Golden Exile" leading the field. Both novels deal with the men in the crusades and both have the fiery adventure and colour of that period which wrote finish to the dark ages.

Harold Lamb, following in the tradition of Irving Stone's biographies, has written a superb book along the same lines as John and Schoonover. It is called "Suleiman the Magnificent" and tells of another period wherein East and West met head-on when the Turkish Empire, under their great leader Suleiman, swung west almost to the gates of Vienna. (And in the bargain Lamb explains why the present day Turks have been such great and valiant allies in the current struggle. . . . Suleiman could have told us considerable about Russia, Korea and the rest of it.)

Dr. Thomas Bailey explores the problem created when "America Faces Russia" in an immensely readable non-fiction history book. He is Professor of History at Stanford University and he writes carefully, factually, and with evidence to back up his thesis: namely, that the legends of traditional friendship with Russia in the 19th century were nonsense. We were friends simply because we were on opposite sides of the globe and couldn't get at one another to be anything else. He also points out how our diplomats were maneuvered into being friendly by the really superior machinations of the Czar's foreign office, something which seems to have happened all over again a few years back, but under the direction of the present "Czar."

We have two good modern novels which you might consider: "The Lieutenant Must Be Mad"—a story of corruption in the Nazi Army by Hellmut Kirst, a member thereof. . . . and "See "How They Run," by Don Mankiewicz, a "must" item for everyone who follows horseraces. . . . and finally, don't miss Virgil Partch's new cartoon book, "Here We Go Again," a collection of Partch "Things" unleashed on the U.S. Army. . . .

FRANK M. CAMPBELL, HMI

V.F.W. Auxiliary Units Donate New Furniture

A new table and four arm chairs have been placed just inside the entrance to the Red Cross Lounge at Oak Knoll. The new furniture is the gift of Veterans of Foreign Wars Women's Auxiliary units in the East Bay area.

The furniture, which is only the most recent of many donations made by the V.F.W. Women's Auxiliaries, is made of tropical bamboo, which matches other furniture in the lounge.

HN's J. E. Kington, D. M. Adamson, C. O. Alsberg, J. B. Miller, B. J. Smith and R. C. Stewart, all to FMF, and J. L. Proper, Jr., to USNH, Mare Island.

Staff Personalities

Among the "old-timers" at Oak Knoll is Miss Dorothy Thompson, who reported aboard in October 1941 for duty in the Public Relations Office, with a rating of PhM3. Sixteen months later, civilian life appealed to her, but not enough to keep her away from Oak Knoll; so she returned to the staff as a civilian. Her specialties are publicity and public relations, and she also serves as secretary to the Commanding Officer. Miss Thompson is a graduate of the USC School of Journalism and had taught English and Journalism in California secondary schools before she enlisted in the Navy. Her hobbies are color photography and folk-dancing.



One staff member at Oak Knoll has a job which is entirely different from that of any other person on the compound. That is J. W. Erickson, HA, USNR, who is the Hospital Bugler. Recalled to active duty with the Navy on 1 February, Erickson came to Oak Knoll on 20 February and has been bugler ever since. Erickson received his Bachelor of Music degree from Missouri Valley College in June 1950 and then entered the professional field. He played for a while with the Don Ragon dance orchestra out of Chicago and through the middle-west. In addition to his duties as bugler and in the officer-of-the-day's office, Erickson plays trumpet for the station dance orchestra.



Stature of U. S. Naval Hospital Corps On 53rd Anniversary Is Unequaled

(An Editorial)

Out of every 100 men of the United States Navy and Marine Corps who were wounded in World War II, 97 recovered.

That is a record not equaled anywhere, anytime.

Monday, 17 June, saw the 53rd Anniversary of the Hospital Corps and those years have seen the Hospital Corpsman as an integral part of the Naval establishment, even from its beginning in 1775. During those 53 years the Hospital Corpsman has evolved through successive stages: the Surgeon's Mate of the Revolutionary days, the "Loblolly Boy" of the War of 1812, the male nurse and apothecary of the Civil War, the bayman and purveyor of succeeding years. He represents as great a development as the transition from the square-rigged "Bonhomme Richard" to the modern battleship "Missouri."

The Hospital Corpsman's stature as a technical specialist was officially acknowledged by the establishment of the Hospital Corps, under the provisions of an Act of Congress, approved 17 June, 1898.

The men and women of the Hospital Corps can well be proud of the emblem they wear. It is a badge of mercy and valor, a token of unselfish service in the highest calling—the saving of life in the service of one's country. This was proved time after time by the heroic exploits of Hospital Corpsmen during World War II, and is still being proved in the rice paddies of Korea. On Iwo Jima, for example, the percentage of casualties among Corpsmen was greater than the proportion of losses among the Marines. Two of the Corpsmen who gave their lives in that historic battle were cited posthumously for the Medal of Honor. One of the citations reads: "By his great personal valor in saving others at the sacrifice of his own life (he) inspired his companions, although terrifically outnumbered, to launch a fiercely determined counterattack and repulse the enemy force. All that he had in his hands were the tools of mercy, yet he won a memorable victory at the cost of his life. As we receive casualties from Korea we again hear accounts of heroic unselfish service on the part of the men of the Hospital Corps. Lives are again being saved, miracles of fox-hole surgery performed by the officers and men of the Medical Department."

The past fifty-three years have been years of growth, not only in numbers, but in prestige for the Corps and the individual Hospital Corpsman. The Hospital Corpsman of 1951 can point with pride to the record of achievement of his Corps and can look to the future confident that he will continue to be a key man in helping the Navy Medical Department fulfill its mission—"To keep as many men at as many guns as many days as possible."

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

DISHING THE DIRT: Jim Bry-
ant, HM3, may soon swap his Navy
badge for an Army commission. You'll
be sorry!!—Fred Adanis has been in
Washington, D.C. for the past week
appearing before the Board of Chap-
lains about his commission. As though
that weren't enough, his wife is ex-
pecting their first heir momentarily
(the heir has now arrived—Ed.)
—The Hopsons had their share of
cake last week. Each had a birthday
within days of each other—Donna
Tuzan, the Exec's secretary, speaks
Spanish like a native. The result of
many years relaxing under the ba-
nana trees in the tropics—The Legal
Office's microscopic Lizzie Tom spent
part of her vacation climbing up
around Yosemite — Have you ever
seen two Chiefs holding hands? No?
Well, watch Chiefs Marshall Edwards
and Elizabeth Kane. They've been at
it for a long time—Lloyd Wright is
carrying the torch for a lassie whose
initials are M.S. We all know who she
is so why be so secretive?—Reed Bax-
ler has been teaching his young 'un
to swim. The little one has made so
much progress that papa is learning
a few tricks now—Watching Woody
"Woodchopper" Herman at Sweet's
were Fred Hicks, Gene Walters and
Bob Belcher—Wonder why they call
Harry Wheaten "Seagull"—Trying
the chopsticks and chop suey in San
Francisco's Chinatown were those
three inseparables, Gordon Dolliver,
Harold and Crickett Huggins. Dolliv-
er goes for those soft oriental foods.
You would, too, if you didn't have a
tooth in your head—Physio and Lab
are exchanging lots of Chit-Chat,
when Lee Steinike and Herschel
"Tey" Beahm get together. Of course,
they'll both say they just work near
each other and accidentally meet all
the time... but even in San Loren-
zo?—The WAVES are all wondering
if Chief Katie Robinson really has
a ham in that package she won at
the Alameda fair. She keeps it in the
refrigerator, but that doesn't prove
anything! — Harold Schakenberg's
little woman made the long trek from
Pittsburgh (Kansas, that is) to join
her swabbie-husband. He's all smiles
again—Francis Le Cocq got some of
that suntan down L.A. way—Mary
Turner's diet lost her ten pounds last
week, but the girl just can't stand
eggs any longer so the scale will start
climbing again — M.A.A. McCann
can't stand this bachelor's existence
any longer. Any day now he'll hop
over to Iowa and bring "Mommy"
and "Junior" back.

LILY LAW: Why that title? Well,
the law is always so clean and spot-
less—like a lily! "Raving" Raun has
come up with some new oddities in
the law and he tells us that "No per-
son shall produce, cultivate or grow
any opium poppy" (Unfair compe-
tition to importers?)—"Every per-
son who lodges in any outhouse,
without the permission of the owner,
is guilty of vagrancy" (To each his
own)—"Blackjacks, sand-clubs, and
metal knuckles are hereby declared
to be nuisances" (To say the least)—
Every person who, within any pub-
lic cemetery, remove any young birds
from any nest, is guilty of a misde-
meanor" (I taught I saw a putty tat!)

Engine Dies; Ingenious Tars Break Out Sails

By Armed Forces Press Service

Shades of Kon-Tiki and other he-
roes of the briny deep!

Commander Paul V. Evans and his
right good crew aboard the USS
Arequipa, a freighter-steamship,
found themselves adrift in the Pa-
cific, 857 miles out of San Francisco
while on a routine voyage from Pearl
Harbor.

The problem was a disabled engine;
but the Navy had its reputation at
stake.

"Full sail," Commander Evans or-
dered from the helm. Crewmen com-
plied by rigging up a sail of canvas
hatch covers on the two forward
masts.

For 14 hours the ship breezed along
at a speed of about two knots while
the crew sang sea chanties.

A friendly tug finally towed the old
salts home.

Off-Key Singing Betrays Enemy; Had Explosives

Tokyo (AFPS)—A man wearing
the uniform of a South Korean sol-
dier strolled casually into the com-
mand post of a U.S. tank company
in Korea. He was singing a South
Korean love ballad, "Audi-Dong."

The tankmen paid no attention to
him. But an infantryman fired sud-
denly and killed the newcomer.

"Why did you shoot him?" the
tankers asked.

"He's a Chinese Red" declared the
infantryman.

Explosives were found on the
corpse, and papers identified him as
a Chinese Red soldier.

"I've heard South Korean sol-
diers sing that song for months," the
infantryman explained. "That's the
first time I heard anyone butcher the
tune as he did."

It doesn't matter how watchful
and vigilant a girl is; if a fellow
kisses her, it is ten to one that he'll
do it right under her nose!

"Oh, I feel stupid!" said one glow
worm to another. "I've been talk-
ing to a cigarette butt for the last
five minutes!"

Laffs

Observation: Mary's bathing suit
this year, in most places, is going to
look a lot like Mary.

Why is it that what you hear never
sounds half as important as what you
overhear?

Pvt. Fatbrayne says worry is like
a rocking chair; it gives you some-
thing to do but gets you nowhere.

The horrid winter's
Almost through.
Hurrah for lovely
Sprigg—kerchoo!

It says here they now have a new
Army classification: 5-B. Baldness,
bridgework, bifocals, bay window and
bunions.

"My father always proposed a toast
before he disciplined me."
"That's funny. What was it?"
"Bottoms up!"

Curious fly.
Vinegar jug.
Slippery edge.
Pickled bug.

"I want an explanation and I want
the truth," stated the wife irately.
"Well, make up your mind," he
snapped. "You can't have both!"

"So you were raised in a tough
neighborhood, huh?"
"Tough, I'll say it was tough—
it was so tough that a cat with a tail
was a tourist!"

Then there was the mountaineer
who tied a muffler on his shotgun
because his daughter wanted a quiet
wedding.

"These bathing suits,"
She did declare,
"Are simply all
"That I can bare!"

Our mess sergeant has a new re-
cipe for meat loaf: he puts sawdust
and cracker crumbs in the middle
so he can make both ends meat.



Hospital Staffer Awarded Degree

One staff member from Oak Knoll
Hospital was included in the list of
persons granted degrees by the Uni-
versity of California recently.

Jean Naylor, HM2, assigned to the
Environmental Sanitation School
Laboratory at Oak Knoll, was grant-
ed a Bachelor of Science degree in
Public Health.

It was the second degree Miss Nay-
lor has been granted by the Univer-
sity. In 1944 she was awarded a Bach-
elor of Arts Degree in history.

When she was recalled to active
duty in the Navy in October, 1950,
she had completed her work for her
second Bachelor's degree and started
on a Master of Science degree, also
in Public Health.

What happened to history?
Said Miss Naylor: "When I joined
the Navy in 1944 I went to Lab Tech-
nicians school and became interested
in that work. So when I got out in
1946 I went back to school to study
public health. I like that better than
history."

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 24 June
ST. BENNY THE DIP—Dick Haymes,
Nina Foch. This is a very new one—
in fact, it was not released to the public
until 22 June. Because of its newness,
no information on the picture is avail-
able. From the leading actor, however,
one can expect some singing.

Monday, 25 June
CHINATOWN AT MIDNIGHT—Hurd
Hatfield, Jean Willes, MELODRAMA.
This is a relatively old movie, first re-
leased to the public in January, 1950.
The film was given only a "fair" rating
by critics. If you like the melodramatic,
better see this one.

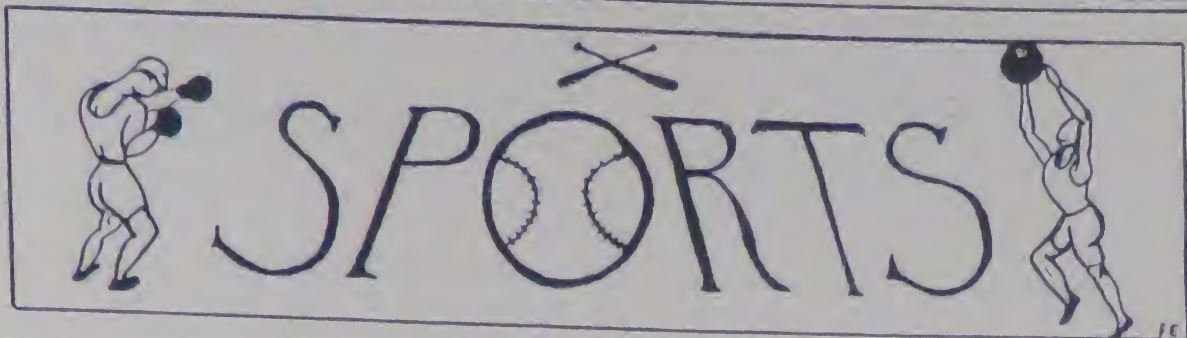
Tuesday, 26 June
HE RAN ALL THE WAY—John Gar-
field, Shelly Winters, MYSTERY. This
is another new movie—set for release to
the public next month. In the movie,
John Garfield, hiding out after killing a
policeman, takes refuge with Shelley
Winters and her family. Garfield per-
mits the family to go about its normal
routine, but always keeps one member
of the household at home as a hostage.
Miss Winters, who finds a strange at-
traction in Garfield, volunteers to buy a
getaway car and leave with him. How
the story ends is too good to tell.

Wednesday, 27 June
WHIRLWIND—Gene Autry, Gail Davis,
WESTERN. Here's one for the fans of
the wide open spaces. This movie has
been given a rating of good by the crit-
ics. It is one of Autry's latest, released
in April.

Thursday, 28 June
"M"—David Wayne, Howard DaSilva.
THRILLER. This movie has been de-
scribed as "a morbid, sometimes sordid
account of a psychopathic killer who
manifests his abnormality on innocent
little girls, as "M," a remake of the
film which caused so much talk a num-
ber of years ago." Given a reviewer's
rating of very good, the film is full of
suspense, chills and thrills, but it is
certainly not for the squeamish, for this
is strong stuff.

Friday, 29 June
SHOWBOAT — Kathryn Grayson, Ava
Gardner, Howard Keel, MUSICAL.
When leading lady Ava Gardner leaves
the Mississippi show boat because her
marriage as a half-Negro to a white man
is a source of recurring trouble, Kathryn
Grayson, daughter of Captain Joe E.
Brown, takes over. She soon falls in love
with her leading man, Keel, but gam-
bling ruins the marriage. How Miss Gray-
son brings about a reconciliation between
the two, while she remains an outcast,
is the sum and substance of the film.

Saturday, 30 June
CUSTOMS AGENT — William Eythe,
Marjorie Reynolds. This movie is an old
one, released in May, 1950. It has been
given a rating of "fair" by the review-
ers. No other information on the film is
available.



Knoll Softballers Rally to Win 9-8

Oak Knoll's varsity softball squad ended their part in the first round of the Twelfth Naval District league in fine style on Monday, 18 June, when they smacked down league-leading NR5 from Moffett Field by a score of 9 to 8.

The Hospital team got to Moffett Field Pitcher Hill for four runs in the last half of the last inning to make up the three-run deficit sported up to that point and to pull the game out of the fire for Oak Knoll Hurler Tom Moore.

Moore, who went the route for the home team, allowed only eight bingles by the Moffett Fielders, while his teammates managed 11 safeties.

Wong was the power at the plate for the Oak Knollers, gathering three hits during the game, followed by Moore and Hillan with two each. One of Hillan's hits was good for four bases. Pearsall also boomed out a home run for the Hospital team.

Moffett Field's Tyler nicked Moore for three hits to lead his team's batting.

Less to the liking of the Oak Knollers was the 10 to 0 drubbing administered by NAS Alameda softballers on Wednesday, 13 June.

Alameda's pitcher, Brink, limited the Hospital team to five hits, singles by Young, Webb, Tafoya, Pyne and Barnes. The winners garnered 13 hits off two Oak Knoll pitchers, Hinds and Moore.

On Tuesday, 25 June, the Oak Knollers open second round play when they meet ASM 13 from Treasure Island, and on Wednesday 27 June, are scheduled to go against NAS Alameda for a return engagement.

PERSONNEL INVITED TO ATTEND RODEO

Personnel at Oak Knoll have been invited to attend the rodeo to be held at Redwood City on 3 July, sponsored by the Peninsular Celebration Association.

If sufficient interest is shown in the rodeo by personnel at Oak Knoll transportation to and from the event will be provided. Anyone wishing to attend is urged to sign up at Welfare and Recreation before Wednesday, 27 June.

The rodeo, set for 1700 on 3 July, is expected to be one of the high spots of the rodeo season.

Independents Hit By Officer Team

Second round action in the Inter-Hospital softball league continued during the past week as the series went into its second week.

The Officers' team continued its winning ways on Wednesday, 13 June, by dropping the Independents to the tune of nine to one. On the previous day Surgery II upped its average on a forfeit by the Record Office.

The game scheduled between the N.P. Department and the Laboratory on Thursday, 14 June, was not played. The Laboratory team has withdrawn from the league.

On Monday, 18 June, the Officers received a setback at the hands of the C.P.O. team, going down by a count of 12 to 8.

Other games on the schedule during the past week included Independents versus N.P. Department on Wednesday, 20 June and Civil Service Girls versus Surgery II on Thursday, 21 June.

On the schedule for the next week are Surgery II versus the Laboratory on Monday, 25 June; Chiefs versus the N.P. Department on Tuesday, 26 June; Civil Service Girls versus the Officers on Wednesday, 27 June, and Record Office versus Independents on Thursday, 28 June.

Meanwhile, Oak Knoll's representative in the Twelfth Naval District Women's Softball League dropped its sixth straight game in league play on Tuesday 19 June, in a contest won by the NAS Alameda Waves, 16-5.

The Oak Knoll team will try again to get into the win column for the first time on Thursday, 28 June, in a game against the NAS Moffett Field Waves.

McAllen, Texas (AFPS) — Delegates attending a convention of tourist court owners were forced to stay in hotels. The tourist courts were filled.

Rensselaer, N. Y. (AFPS) — The town street-sweeping machine was out of operation for a half day. Tabby, the city employees' mascot, gave birth to two kittens in the machine's mechanism.

Chicago (AFPS) — Robert Ignacio Panuncialman is requesting the court to change his name to Robert Ignatius Panuncialman.

T.I. Baseballers Take Two Games

Oak Knoll's vaunted hitting power was very noticeable by its absence last week as the Hospital squad dropped both ends of a double-header to a high-rated Treasure Island team, 5 to 2 and 12 to 3.

In the first game of the long afternoon Treasure Island's Criss held the Oak Knoll team to only one hit, a single by Hook in the third, while his teammates racked up seven bingles.

Caramagno and Moore accounted for four of the seven T.I. hits by bashing out two each.

Bournellis went the route on the mound for Oak Knoll. The Hospital team made three bobbles during the game; Treasure Island only two.

In the second game the Oak Knoll team nearly fell apart as the Treasure Islanders plagued Oak Knoll Pitcher Tamborski for 11 hits to score 12 runs, while the Hospital team was able to muster strength for only four hits.

Amos smashed out a double for the home team in the second game, while Paul, Young and Hook each got a single. Vaughn got three hits in four appearances at the plate for the visitors.

Allen was the Treasure Island pitcher for the second seven-inning stint.

Boston, Mass. (AFPS) — With too many special commissions making investigations, the state legislature drew up a special commission to investigate the need of special commissions.

Mendon, Mich. (AFPS) — An all-woman ticket was swept into office in recent elections in this town. One of the women is named Mrs. Mary Male, who defeated her husband, 73 to 53.

Cincinnati (AFPS) — When a local housing project became overrun with mice, tenants acquired cats. The mice are gone and the new problem is how to get rid of the cats.

Danvers, Mass. (AFPS) — A bill dated July, 1814, was discovered in the vault by the town clerk. It was for a 1161-pound bell, and signed by Paul Revere.

Renick, W. Va. (AFPS) — Mayor Edward Little was elected by fellow townsmen to serve another term. He defeated his opponent with a platform of "No cows in the streets."

Greenfield, N. H. (AFPS) — An 18-year-old Muscovy drake had townspeople curious when he was discovered sitting on a duck egg and six Baldwin apples. His vigil lasted three weeks.

Knoll Sluggers Bash NAS 19-11

Oak Knoll's baseball team went on a hitting spree again Tuesday, 19 June, and got back into the Twelfth Naval District League win column by defeating NAS Oakland 19 to 11.

A total of 27 hits were tallied up in the wild game, 14 by the Hospital team and 13 by NAS. Also contributing to the high score was the nine errors committed by the losers and the eight bobbles charged against the Oak Knollers.

The Oak Knoll team got off to a fast start, as is the custom when it plays a winning game, and scored four runs off two hits and three NAS errors in the first inning. They came back even stronger in the second inning to bash out seven safeties, each good for a run.

The other slam-bang inning for the Hospital squad was the seventh, when five runs were scored off four hits.

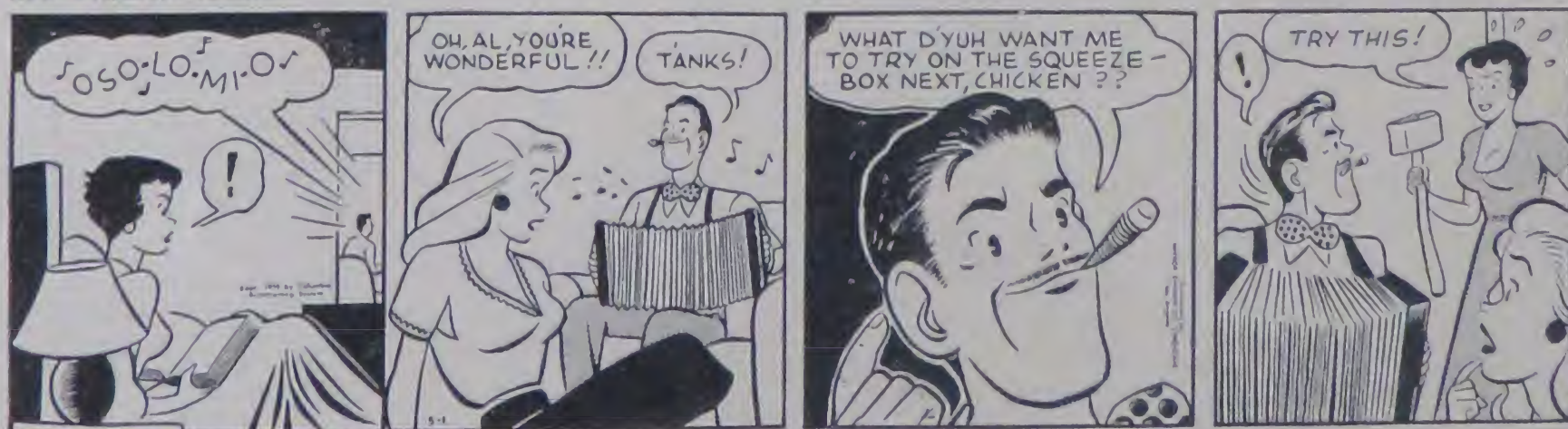
Haile started on the mound for Oak Knoll and was relieved after four and a third innings by Tamborski. Osborne and Ensley performed the mound chores for NAS, Oakland.

Bournellis starred at the plate for the Locals, getting three hits, including a double, in five appearances. Amos was the Ralph Kiner of the day, smashing a home run and a double during the afternoon. Other Knoll sluggers collecting two hits each were Dinuzzo, Young, and Tamborski. The balance of the Hospital line-up each got one safety.

For NAS, Oakland, four men, Ward, Storms, Heath and Miller, each got two hits during the afternoon.

On Thursday, 21 June, Baseball Coach Joe Reginato was scheduled to take his charges against a team from McClellan Air Force Base and on Tuesday, 26 June, Oak Knoll will play Travis Air Force Base, with another game scheduled against the San Francisco Marines on Thursday, 28 June.

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Progress of Oak Knoll Is Cited On Date of Ninth Anniversary

Nine years ago tomorrow, on 1 July, 1942, the United States Naval Hospital at Oakland, California, began its service to the fleet.

The past nine years have been years of great progress and growth for Oak Knoll hospital, starting out with 25 buildings and 500 beds, and growing continually until today there are more than 180 buildings and an authorized bed capacity of 3450. Equally worth mentioning is the manner in which the hospital and its service has grown in importance to the Navy. Today Oak Knoll is the amputee center, neuro-psychiatric center and the neuro-surgical center for the West Coast.

The hospital suffered its worst growing pains during the year 1944 as it began to spread out and cover the old Oak Knoll golf course. In that year, the Community Service Building, swimming pool, and the bowling alley were built. In 1945 the new chapel was dedicated, and the number of buildings was increased to 123. September and October of 1945 were the peak months of Oak Knoll activity with the influx of World War II casualties, raising the patient census to more than 6,000. At that time there were more than 2500 doctors, nurses, corpsmen, and WAVES on the staff.

Today, Oak Knoll is one of the Navy's largest hospitals. Attached to the hospital are 164 officers, 239 nurses, and 1167 enlisted corpsmen and WAVES. As the Oak Leaf goes to press there are 2241 patients on the roster, with 139 hos-

pitalized in the dependents service. Since the opening of the hospital in 1941, approximately 219,390 patients have been admitted to the hospital, 192,410 service personnel and veterans, and 36,980 dependents.

The longevity record among the civilians on the hospital compound is shared by eight people who have been at Oak Knoll since the day it opened. They are Dorothy Hager, record office; Genevieve Smith, finance; Eva Premo, Nurses' Quarters; Alfred Pauli, John Eslinger, William Gross, Bernard Garcia, and Fred A. Robinson, all of the maintenance division.

Mrs. Genevieve Smith has been on duty in the finance division during all of her nine years at the hospital.

When asked about her impression of Oak Knoll the day she reported, Mrs. Smith said, "I remember my first day here so well because the day was foggy, cold and wet, and we almost froze. Most of our materiel was stored over in the Officers' Club, along with what seemed like thousands and thousands of mattresses, and when we tried to set up our office we found that Public Works had gotten away with all the typewriters and we couldn't even start to set up the books."

The past staff members at Oak Knoll Hospital have left us a record of nine years of progress and development, and at the same time have given the present staff and staffs of the future a real goal at which they can aim.



CAPT F. R. KREUZ, MC, USN



CAPT L. B. SHONE, MC, USN

CAPT Kreuz Heads Orthopedics; CAPT Shone Joins Surgery Staff

Two medical officers with the rank of Captain have been added to the staff at Oak Knoll in recent weeks. They are CAPT Frank P. Kreuz, Jr., MC, USN, and CAPT Lloyd B. Shone, MC, USN.

CAPT Kreuz, who reported aboard on 18 May is Chief of Orthopedic Services at the Hospital and CAPT Shone, who came to Oak Knoll last week, will serve as Assistant Chief of Surgery.

Recognized as one of the best-qualified orthopedists in the Navy Medical service, CAPT Kreuz came to Oak Knoll from the U. S. Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Md., where he has been Chief of Orthopedics for the past five years.

Educated at Marquette and Northwestern Universities, CAPT Kreuz took his graduate studies at the University of Vienna, University of Pennsylvania, and at the Alfred I. DuPont Institute, Wilmington, Del. His home is at Menominee, Mich.

CAPT Kreuz returned last week from Washington, D.C., where he had attended a meeting of the American Orthopedic Association, at which he was a guest of the president of the association, Dr. Kellogg Speed, Memphis, Tenn. CAPT Kreuz is certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery.

Contributor of many articles on technical subjects to medical publications, CAPT Kreuz is best known as one of the co-authors of an article entitled "End Results of Treatment of Fresh Fractures by Use of Stader Apparatus," which appeared in the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery. In writing the article he collaborated with Dr. C. M. Shaar and Dr. D. T. Jones.

CAPT Shone came to Oak Knoll from Pearl Harbor where he was Base Medical Officer and Shipyard Medical Officer.

Prior to his tour of duty at Pearl Harbor he was Officer in Charge of the Naval Dispensary at 50 Fell St., San Francisco. CAPT Shone is well-known among Medical Service personnel in the Twelfth Naval District and on the West Coast.

A hospital corpsman in World War I, he received his degree from Creighton University at Omaha. He is a native of San Francisco.

Commanding Officer Speaks to Civilians

CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, on Friday, 22 June, spoke to civilian employees on the subject of management-employee relations.

CAPT Gordon expressed a sincere interest in the work and the welfare of members of the civilian staff. He read a statement from Undersecretary of the Navy Dan A. Kimball, which stressed the importance of having "all employees know and understand their responsibilities and their rights as Navy employees."

Among the major rights particularly emphasized by CAPT Gordon were (1) The right "to appeal through appropriate channels, without fear of reprisal, any actions affecting you which you feel are unjustified or discriminatory against you because of your sex, religion, creed, national origin or color," and (2) The right "to deal with management, either personally or with others, through representatives of your choice."



Four patients and two staff members, recently in Washington to demonstrate the work being done in the Artificial Limb Department, had the privilege of meeting President Truman and have received copies of this INS picture as a souvenir of their visit to the White House. In the group are CDR T. J. Canty, PFC Edward J. Mitchell, CPL Frank J. Whorly, the President, SGT John J. Martin, PFC Kenneth F. McGuire, and Charles C. Asbelle.

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† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Recently a young man came to the study to talk over some plans for his lifework. As we talked, it became evident that, lying deeper than his interest in some future vocation, this man had questions as to the very nature of life itself. His varied experiences of the past few years had served to confuse his thinking in terms of underlying meanings and values.

Few men in this busy life take the time to so evaluate life's values. Too many choose vocations, wives, and religions without ever asking the simple but basic questions.

What are the responsibilities of this step, for both me and others?

What are the restrictions of this step? And, am I willing to abide by them?

What are the satisfactions of this step? Are they for today, or will they continue on into the future?

There are few easy answers to these questions. But, to the man who dares ask them, the answers will come. It could be that many of us do not ask the questions because we are afraid that the answers will make us change our way of life. A real searching of our plans, our ideals and our life purposes might give us that direction which would blend all of life together and give it hope and meaningful courage.

LT L. B. KELLY,
 Protestant Chaplain

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Hospital Chapel at Main Gate
PROTESTANT
 BIBLE SCHOOL — SUNDAY 0945
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CATHOLIC
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Catholic Oratory in back of Chapel

**CHAPLAINS' OFFICES IN
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Chaplains of other faiths will be called
 upon request

**BUS TO AND FROM CHAPEL ON
 SUNDAYS 0845 & 1045**

Antics of Lion Feature Opening of U.S.O. Branch in San Francisco

There's something new across the bay — a U.S.O. branch at 620 Sutter street in San Francisco. The freshly organized U.S.O. opened officially Monday, 25 June, completely stocked with good food, pretty girls, and even facilities to entertain a pet lion — should there be one.

Fearless Fagan, famed 3-year-old lion, the new U.S.O.'s first member, found everything to his taste when he spent several hours at the Center recently. He wrestled in the gym with his owner, PVT Fred Humeston of Fort Ord, swam in the pool, entertained at the piano and lunched at the snack bar among other diversions.

According to Mr. R. D. Barbieri, San Francisco U.S.O. Committee

Chairman, a complete schedule of recreational activities has been planned for all armed forces personnel and convalescent men at the Sutter Street U.S.O. beginning 25 June. "We feel certain there is little we cannot provide for any man attending the U.S.O. center," said Barbieri to the San Francisco press representatives during a special preview of U.S.O. facilities on Friday, 15 June. A Plymouth suburban has been purchased for use on picnics, sight-seeing tours, etc., and for men who like to cook, a Murphy kitchen unit has been installed at the Center.

Other U.S.O. branches in San Francisco are located at 70 Oak Street, and 166 Embarcadero.

Red Cross Ramblings



For the past two years Mr. and Mrs. Oren C. Wilson of San Lorenzo, Calif., have been sending the Hospital flowers from their spacious gardens. Mrs. Wilson is convalescing from a broken hip, and supervises from her wheel chair the selection and arrangement of the blooms. They have been sending flowers to the patients every third Thursday, arranging them in small tins. They are sent here with Mrs. George Farmer, Red Cross Motor Service Chairman of San Leandro, Red Cross Branch of Oakland Chapter. This past week over 400 small arrangements were presented to the wards, David McElhaney, SA, of the USS WINDHAM BAY, visiting Walter Jarvi, TEM2, of Ward 62A, assisted Mrs. Marjorie Bell, Red Cross Gray Lady, distribute the bouquets on this ward.

CHESS

Like to play chess? A Round Robin Tournament began this week and we are always looking for new players to play the champs. The rules of the round robin are as follows: the tournament is divided into two groups of ten men each. The players are to play three games with each member on their team. Scoring two points for a win, one point for a draw. You are to contact the members of your team, setting a time and the place to play. Those men who are bed patients can play their games on their wards. The top three men of each team will have a play-off to determine the winner of the contest. All games should be played by 10 July. Like to join now? Tell the Red Cross worker on your ward or see Miss Thompson, Red Cross Recreation worker.

SPORTSMEN SHOW

At this time of year a young man's fancy turns to the nearby streams and woods for hunting and fishing. Mr. Clarence Wilson, Hayward Sportsmen's Club, brought several interesting displays to the Red Cross Lounge (Building 32) on Monday evening. Guns were on display and explained. Duck decoys for all types of hunting were set up and interesting items about bagging game were demonstrated. Will the Brooklyn Dodgers win the pennant in 1951? Mr. Guy Elston, noted baseball authority and possessor of an all-around collection of baseball items, discussed players, games and unusual situations occurring in the sport with avid baseball fans. Mr. Wilson will bring another group of interesting sports people on 30 July.

CAMERA CLUB

How is your camera technique? Have you dusted off your camera and taken advantage of these sunny days? It is easy to get into a snapshot rut, particularly as far as camera angles are concerned. The traditional straight-on shot from directly in front of the subject has become such a habit that many ama-

teur photographers seldom think of anything else. However, a try at a new angle will do much to pep up your snapshot collection as well as surprise your friends when you show them the finished product! If you will study some of the pictures you see in the newspapers and photography magazines you will note that the ones that catch your eye are done by placing the camera in a spot where you would least expect the camera to be. If it works in the magazines it ought to be worth trying for your photograph album. Try low-angle shots once in a while, taking advantage of the sky, which proves an excellent background for pictures of people outdoors, and use the grass for a good background. Of course, you can carry the idea of a different camera angle to extremes. Unusual angles can be just as much a liability as an asset. Study your subject carefully through the view finder until you discover the angle that will give you the best picture. Join our Camera Club. Have you visited our Dark Room in the Red Cross Lounge? Make an appointment if you would like to develop your pictures there. If you would like more information about photography come on over and we will help you. Miss Trudy Roerhig is the Red Cross Worker in charge.

HARD TOP RACES

A group of patients attended the Hard Top Races at Hayward last Friday evening. If you are a fan, it is a fast and exciting evening. Let us know if you would like to go next Friday. Tell the Red Cross Worker on your ward.

Life Begins at Oak Knoll

17 June

FRANKLIN, Gary Stephen, to wife of Bob-
bie Franklin, AB3, 6 pounds, 9½ ounces.
COPELAND, Jacqueline Darlene, to wife
of Robert Copeland, AL3, 5 pounds, 7
ounces.
CLAYPOOLE, Vincent Eugene, to wife of
Christopher Claypoole, SD2, 7 pounds, 15
ounces.
ROBERTS, Samuel Rae, Jr., to wife of Sam-
uel Roberts, PVT2, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
MARINELLI, Linda Louise, to wife of Ar-
mand Martinelli, AD1, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

18 June

SMITH, Deborah Ann, to wife of James
Smith, LTJG, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
AMOS, Michael Don, to wife of Charles
Amos, SA, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
MALONE, Paul Richard, to wife of Paul
Malone, AT3, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

19 June

HEATH, Doris Anne Marie, to wife of Glenn
Heath, HMC, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
WEAVER, Dinan Kay, to wife of Glenn
Weaver, ET2, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
BUTTERFIELD, Sharon Marie, to wife of
Jack Butterfield, AC3, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
HANSEN, Richard Henry, to wife of Henry
Hansen, LTJG, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
DILLOW, Boy, to wife of William Dillow,
SN, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

20 June

WARD, Robert Lynn, to wife of Robert
Ward, RM3, 9 pounds.
MUMMA, Deborah Lee, to wife of Robert
Mumma, HMJ, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
ODACHOWSKI, Girl, to wife of Florian
Odachowski, S/SGT, 9 pounds, 7½ ounces.
HUTCHINSON, Girl, to wife of Robert
Hutchinson, MAC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
KRANTZ, Edward Lee, to wife of Earl
Krantz, RMN1, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
EGGERT, Renee Ann, to wife of Robert Eg-
gert, PR3, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
GILLILAND, Barbara Ann, to wife of
James Gilliland, EMP3, 10 pounds.
INLOW, Duane Leland, to wife of Roy In-
low, RMC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
NEWTON, Janet Anne, to wife of William
Newton, OMC, 6 pounds.
WILBER, Bonnie Jean, to wife of Winston
Wilber, FCS2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
BRADFORD, John Franklin, to wife of Ho-
race Bradford, GMM2, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
BALLARD, Madrien Annette, to wife of
Robert Ballard, S/SGT, 7 pounds, 12
ounces.
EDWARDS, Ricky Lee, to wife of Herbert
Edwards, CS2, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

21 June

CORRALES, Girl, to wife of Daniel Cor-
rales, PFC, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
FARRISH, Girls (twins), to wife of Albert
Farrish, BMGC, 4 pounds, 14 ounces, and
4 pounds, 9 ounces.
FARLEY, William Taylor, to wife of Clif-
ton Farley, SN, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
FROST, Jacquelyn Louise, to wife of Orville
Frost, AK1, 5 pounds, 3 ounces.
LOOMIS, Eric Reed, to wife of Bernard
Loomis, PNSN, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
McCLAIN, La Vonne Theresa, to wife of
Levell McClain, SR, 6 pounds.
SCOLARI, Kathleen Mari, to wife of Rob-
ert Scolari, CT3, 5 pounds, 3 ounces.
WEDGE, Janet Dee, to wife of Russell
Wedge, END2, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
AGUIRRE, Elsa, to wife of Frederick Aguir-
re, BMG2, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
TITUS, Donna Marie, to wife of James
Titus, HM2, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
LINSLEY, Gary Robert, to wife of Robert
Linsley, GMC, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

22 June

JOHNSON, Gary Wayne, to wife of Allen
Johnson, EMPFN, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
COLEMAN, John Richard, to wife of John
Coleman, SK1, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
WARD, Steven Lee, to wife of Frederick
Ward, SR, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
GRAVES, Linda Ann, to wife of Donald
Graves, AE3, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
ZANG, Elizabeth Murray, to wife of Charles
Zang, 1st LT, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
LAUTHEN, Sandra Lee and Roger Lee
(twins), to wife of Andrew Cauthen, SN,
4 pounds, 12 ounces, and 4 pounds, 8
ounces.
McQUOWN, Neil Emmett, to wife of Bruce
McQuown, HM3, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
RUMBURG, Edward Joseph, to wife of Wil-
liam Rumburg, LTJG, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

23 June

TAMBORSKI, Stephen Lance, to wife of
Stephen Tamborski, HM3, 10 pounds, 7
ounces.
RAINWATER, Girl, to wife of Virgil Rain-
water, SN, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
MISAMORE, Mark Allen, to wife of Rich-
ard Misamore, SK3, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
STEPHENS, Ronald, to wife of George Ste-
phens, ETC, 9 pounds.



Top quality entertainment was brought to Oak Knoll on Thursday, 21 June, from the Venetian Room at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. Paul Desmond, left, kept the large audience at the Hospital Auditorium howling as he mimicked popular singers whose records were played off-stage. Also appreciated by the audience was the performance of "The King and His Ladies," in their presentation of a fiery Oriental dance.

Tech School Takes Three Field Trips

Students of Oak Knoll's Environ-
mental Sanitation Technician school
during the past week went on three
field trips as a part of the course in
sanitation.

Spots visited on the trips were the
Golden West Packing Company, the
Holly Meat Packing Company and
the California Meat Packing Com-
pany. At those places the students
observed all phases of the manufac-
ture of sausages, salami and prepared
meat products, processes used in
slaughtering of animals for food, and
ante-mortem and post-mortem in-
spection.

An all-day field trip, conducted
under the supervision of Mr. Harold
F. Gray, lecturer in public health at
the University of California and
manager-engineer of the Alameda
County Mosquito Abatement district,
was made to the Alameda County
Mosquito Abatement district.

The students were given a demon-
stration of the different types of ma-
chinery, hand tools, and power equip-
ment for use in control of salt marsh
mosquitoes.

Starting 2 July, two classes will be
conducted simultaneously because of
the great need for Environmental
Sanitation Technicians in the field
and afloat. Classes convene every
two and a half months. There are
many opportunities for men interest-
ed in this field, and anyone interested
should make applications in the rou-
tine manner, through the Personnel
Officer.

Marine Patients Attend Memorial Club Smoker

Marine patients from Oak Knoll
on Thursday, 21 June, were guests at
a smoker held at the Marine Mem-
orial Club in San Francisco.

Highlight of the affair was a va-
riety show, including acts by a ma-
gician, a comedian, and dancing girls.
Refreshments, including beer and all
the things that go with it were
served.

Transportation to and from the
smoker was provided. Tentative plans
for another smoker at the Club have
been made for next month.

Top Flight Entertainment Features Fairmont Hotel Variety Show Here

Everything from dancing girls to
harmonica players to expert panto-
mimicry—plus a thousand laughs at
two of the best comedians seen for
some time.

That about sums up the Fairmont
Hotel Variety Show presented at the
Oak Knoll auditorium on Thursday,
21 June, to a most appreciative
audience.

And the audience had plenty to
appreciate.

In a fast moving show that ranked
among the best, Master of Ceremon-
ies Bill Clifford called his cast back
again and again for encores.

The versatile Mr. Clifford, in addi-
tion to directing his 10-piece orches-
tra, sang two duets with Songstress
Mary Marshall, who opened the show
with a well-received solo performance
of "Can't Help Lovin' That Man."

Miss Marshall was followed by

Comedian Paul Desmond who kept
the audience howling through three
encores including a solo of "Old Man
River."

Then came the high spot of the
show for many — The King and His
Ladies — an oriental dance number
that went over in a big way.

The rest of the more-than-an-
hour-long show was taken up by
Johnny O'Brien, the comedian who
enlivened his act with top-drawer
performances on a harmonica. Mr.
O'Brien could have held the audience
all afternoon and was called back
several times before the show ended.

Arrangements for bringing the
show to Oak Knoll were made by Mrs.
Beatrice Lindsay of the entertain-
ment committee of the Oakland Red
Cross Chapter. Mrs. Lindsay also
made arrangements for the Margaret
Whiting show which played here last
month.

New Staff Member At Oak Knoll Is Circus Owner in Civilian Life

All corpsmen on the staff who have
unusual civilian occupations can
move over to make room for a new
member.

Reporting aboard on Tuesday, 26
June, was Gail L. Fuller, HM2, who
is a fair bet to top all of them. Ful-
ler, whose home is at Hastings, Ne-
braska, is the co-owner and super-
visor of a circus.

And Fuller is no newcomer to the
circus business either.

He started out at the age of eight
as a tight-wire walker and perform-
er on the high bars. Since that time
he has progressed through most of
the jobs found in any circus.

He is a fire-eater, has trained ani-
mals, including horses and elephants
and has filled in as a barker for the
side-shows.

The circus is owned by Fuller and
his family, including his father and
mother and a brother and sister.

Employing between 40 and 50 peo-
ple, the circus opens its outdoor sea-
son in the spring, after wintering in
Hastings and before moving indoors
some time after Thanksgiving, cov-
ers a good part of the midwest and
south.

This year, Fuller said, the circus
opened in Nebraska two weeks ago

and is now working toward Tennes-
see.

But Fuller doesn't spend all his
time with the circus. Somehow he
has found time to get a Bachelor of
Arts degree from Hastings College
with a major in biology and at the
same time got a teacher's certificate.
He has never had time, yet, however,
to use the certificate.

Cody, Wyo. (AFPS)—Park county
has outlawed slot machines — but
they aren't forgotten. In the spots
the "one-arm bandits" used to oc-
cupy, several clubs have draped
crepe.

Kimball, S. D. (AFPS)—In a re-
cent vote, balloters decided it's still
illegal to keep or feed livestock on
the main street of Kimball. A live-
stock firm, which keeps 600 hogs on
the main street, asked for the special
election.

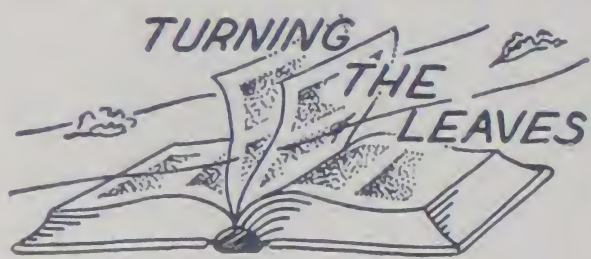
San Francisco (AFPS)—While en-
tertaining guests at his home, Nor-
man Berg began slicing the ham.
Whacking away at it with a knife
was to no avail. Berg wielded a saw.
Out came sawdust. Berg had been
sold a dummy display ham by mis-
take.

TWENTY-FOUR INTERNS COMPLETE TRAINING HERE



Twenty-four interns this week completed their year's training at Oak Knoll and were en route to new assignments, some in the Navy, some in civilian hospitals. LTJG Naomi G. Lund, first woman to intern at this hospital, is among those who will go into general practice. She plans to return to Montana to care for her friends and neighbors in Wolf Point. Members of the class rotated through the services during their year here, learning the techniques of their profession and at the same time giving valuable

service to the Navy. In the group were, TOP ROW, left to right: LTJG's A. F. Dodson, N. G. Lund, J. K. Kohlhaas, C. H. Wright, A. F. Crumley, W. D. Stuart, C. V. Carlson, F. Clarke. SECOND ROW: H. A. Lorberbaum, R. A. Roback, W. E. Hird, L. C. Lohoff, K. B. Romness, R. Pietrobono, G. A. Llewellyn, M. G. Oppen. BOTTOM ROW: H. S. Wandling, Jr., G. H. Bjorkman, G. G. Maier, D. E. Cameron, J. H. Froyd, H. V. Eastman, W. I. Ellison, and F. C. Hill.



William Sloane, one of America's finest publishers, believes that a sure-fire seller among books is the one that tells how people do things, or why a certain individual excels at the profession of his choice. Accordingly this month, he has published Lincoln Barnett's "Writing on Life," a collection of sketches originally done by Barnett for Life and Time, Inc. From what were feature articles, Barnett has done expanded biographies of seventeen famous Americans, ranging from Generals Marshall and Eisenhower to Fred Astaire, Jerry Geisler, Richard Rodgers and Joshua Logan. Tying these together is a lively running account of how Mr. Barnett, himself, got to be the country's number one magazine and sketch man. A swift moving, often witty, always warm and compassionate book, we recommend "Writing on Life" most highly.

Also along the "How We Do It" line this month, the library has a study of the work of Charlie Chaplin by Theodore Huff that is a fine portrait of a great comedian who is also a great perfectionist. Jane Woodfin, of Portland, has written a book on the functions and malfunctions of early radio, entitled, "Of Mikes and Men," that is a gem; surely the funniest book of the month. And for the continuing number of race fans who visit us, there is Eddie Arcaro's vig-

VADM Carney Named Head of Pact Forces

Paris (AFPS) — Welding together the forces of freedom under the Atlantic Pact, General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed Vice Admiral Robert B. Carney, USN, to command the Pact forces in southern Europe.

Admiral Carney, an expert in submarine defenses and convoy operations, is Commander of the U.S. Sixth Fleet, operating in the Mediterranean.

orous and informative biography, "I Ride to Win."

In the fiction field there were three outstanding books this week. "The Weight of the Cross" is probably the best novel I've read this year. By a Navy veteran named Robert Bowen, it is second only to "Mr. Roberts" as a portrait of agonized men caught in an untenable situation. A far more detailed treatment than the latter, it is equally as well written, and that's saying quite a bit... W. R. Burnett's "Little Men, Big World" is a frightening study in political corruption: it is a modern morality played against "Little Caesar" and "Asphalt Jungle" backgrounds... Another kind of morality is discussed in a suspense filled detective story, "Alias Basil Willing," which tells no whodunit, but HOW MANY DONE IT! A new twist if I ever saw one...

—Frank M. Campbell HMI

Staff Personalities

Completing his residency in internal medicine at Oak Knoll is LCDR D. B. Watkins, MC, USN, a member of the Medical Service staff at the Hospital. Dr. Watkins, who calls the University of Minnesota his alma mater, joined the Navy in January, 1944, after completing his internship at Minneapolis General Hospital. Married and the father of three children, ages two, three, and four, Dr. Watkins now makes his home in Concord, Calif. Before coming to Oak Knoll he served aboard the USS GENERAL J. C. BRECKINRIDGE, and prior to that saw duty at USNH, San Diego, Corona and Bethesda. He was also attached to Fleet Hospital 103 at Guam and S.A.H. No. 3 on Okinawa during the war.



A relative newcomer to both Oak Knoll and the Navy is Rita Moore, HN, who spends her working hours on the Women's Surgery ward. Miss Moore enlisted in the Navy last November and after boot camp and hospital corp school at San Diego came to Oak Knoll on Easter Sunday. Before she joined the Navy Miss Moore was a student at Modesto Junior College. Although she now calls Riverbank, Calif. her home, Miss Moore is originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Rating top with Rita in the hobby line are sports and sewing. As for sports, her specialties are swimming and tennis. Along with her sewing she has done some designing. Popular among fellow staff members, Miss Moore says she is enjoying her tour of duty at Oak Knoll.

Craft Shop Offers Hobby Training

"Until I can afford to buy my own workshop," the Marine was saying. "Boy, this is it."

"It" referred to the well-equipped, bustling Red Cross arts and crafts shop, Building 31, and the Marine patient's opinion seemed to be shared by the many others who were working on any of at least a half-dozen different types of activities in every corner of the shop.

The arts and crafts shop is almost always filled to overflowing with an average of 45-50 patients a day, who may choose to work on leather (tooling and carving), ceramics and pottery, copperwork, ship model building, finger and textile painting, or weaving.

Gray Ladies Help

Mrs. Gladys S. Christiana—"Rusty" to you—is the Red Cross recreation worker in charge of the program, which covers the wards as well as the shop activities. This program includes a training course for volunteer Red Cross craft Gray Ladies. There are about 80 volunteers at present who bring craft materials and instruction to bed patients in the wards. Among the communities represented by the Gray Ladies are the Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda and Diablo chapters.

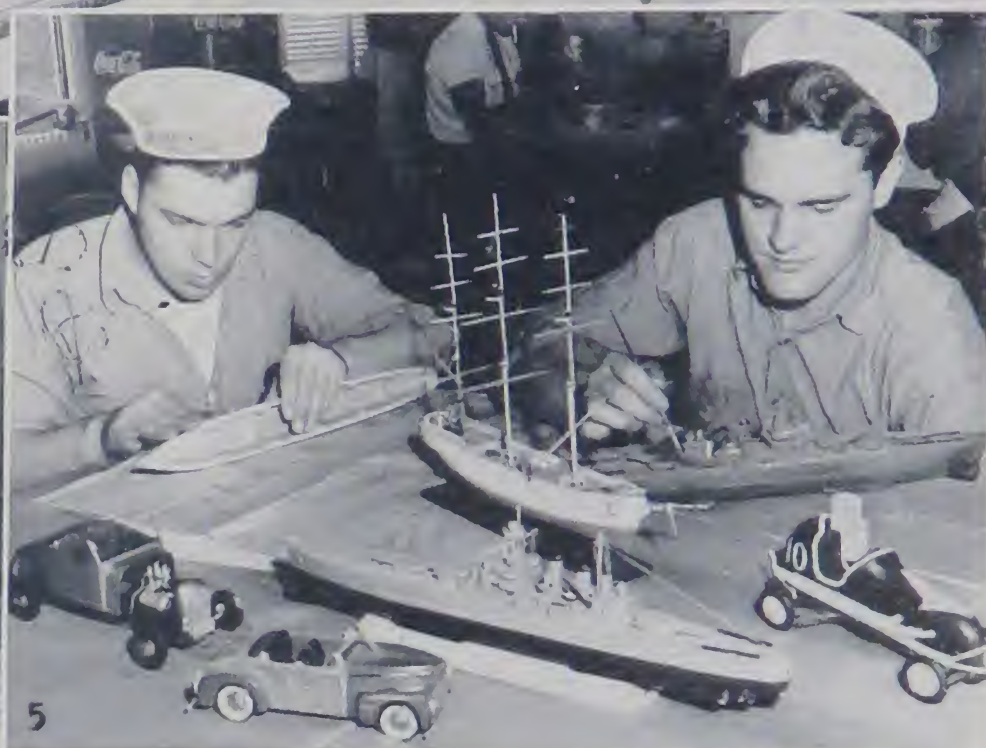
Patients also drop into the craft shop — whose friendly atmosphere seems like the lengthened shadow of Mrs. Christiana's own good-natured helpfulness — to use the steam iron and electric sewing machine to good advantage. You can tell heavy liberty days by the line waiting to mend dress blues and greens.

Many Gift Materials

Without the help of the various donors who contribute monthly to the craft fund, it would be impossible to keep up the high standard of materials which are given to the patients. When the patient begins to do outstanding work in leathercraft, he can make large, ornate purses and brief cases; for which, however, he must purchase his own materials.

Crafts in the wards differ in many respects from the shop activities. The most important crafts for bed patients are felt, weaving, copper tooling, knotting, pyro-cord (for belts and bracelets), shellcraft, textile painting, woodcarving, and the very popular building of ship models. About 40-45 bed patients participate daily in the craft program, and ambulatory patients in the wards are urged to work in the craft shop itself.

Many of the patients who return to civilian life continue with their hobbies, which often have considerable value. Several months ago a Navy chief was detailed to the craft shop as assistant in the issue room. At first he considered the craft program only for gissies. One day he was interested in making a copper print for his new home. This was the opening wedge. After two or three copper prints, his wife insisted on a carved purse. He then started with leather tooling and progressed with leather



Pictured above are just a few of the many activities offered at the Red Cross Craft Shop where patients and staff members pass many enjoyable hours. (1) Working in leathercraft are V. E. Jefferson, SA, 41B; W. M. Greene, MML3, 80B; Miss Christiana, Red Cross recreation worker; and G. E. Soeth, SOG3, 45A. (2) Putting the finishing touches on some items in the ceramics room are J. R. Daniels, AC2, 65A; PFC D. A. Mazzilli, USMC, 65B; L. J. Ganske, QM2, 45A; A. Felicione, YNTC, 49B; M/SGT L. V. Ottinger, USMC, 44A. (3) Deeply absorbed in the delicate task of etching copper prints are J. D. Robertson, CSSN, 65A; and L. T. Williams, QM2, of 45A. (4) Getting some expert instruction from Mrs. Charlene Yater on the workings of the loom is J. H. Ray, TESH of ward 44A. (5) One of the most popular activities is the building of models. Sanding and painting to give ship models that finished look are Vincent Crammen, SN, of ward 76A, and T. E. Hubert, Jr., FA, of 30A.

carving via the leather belt and holster routine. After his first purse, which was praised highly by his wife and relatives, he received orders for leather work. Finally he bought his own tools and set up a small shop in his home. Upon his discharge, Mrs. Christiana helped him with plans for establishing himself in the leather work business in his home town. The latest letter from him stated that he has been so busy that he now employs a man to help him, and his wife assists him in his orders for leather purses, holsters, wallets, and an occasional saddle. It might be worth mentioning in passing that this man had completely lost confidence in himself when he first came to the craft shop, and was in the hospital as a patient in the N.P. Department.

The Red Cross arts and crafts shop is open daily from 0900 to 1600, Monday through Friday. It is open Monday and Tuesday nights from 1900 to 2100 at which time many staff corpsmen, nurses, and dependents participate in the program.

Welfare and Recreation Offers Tickets For Varied Activities

Tickets are now available for a number of recreational activities in the office of Welfare and Recreation. The following is a schedule of events for the coming week:

SUNDAY 1 July—Moose lodge picnic at Rio Vista Park, Mission San Jose. Transportation will be furnished and will leave from the Ship's Service Building. Contact Welfare and Recreation for the time of departure. This picnic is for all hands.

MONDAY 2 July—Every Monday evening 5 patients are invited to be guests for dinner at Trader Vic's, Oakland, California. Transportation is furnished and leaves the hospital at 1730. All persons interested please sign up at Welfare and Recreation in advance.

TUESDAY 3 July—Rodeo, sponsored by the Peninsula Celebrations Association, in Redwood City. Transportation will be furnished and leaves

the hospital at 1700. All hands are invited and urged to contact Welfare and Recreation.

THURSDAY 5 July—Every Thursday evening, 40 patients are invited to attend a local baseball game played by the Oaks or Seals. Transportation is furnished.

Every Thursday evening, seven patients are invited to be guests for dinner at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley. Transportation leaves the compound at 1830. Interested persons sign up in advance at Welfare and Recreation.

FRIDAY 6 July—Every Friday evening, ten tickets are available for the CBS Radio show, "Treasure Tune Show" with Lee Giroux.

NOTE: There are 25 tickets available for a Variety and Stage show and Fireman's Ball, Oakland Auditorium, 21 July. Contact Welfare and Recreation early for these tickets.

Dependents Benefits Information Procedure Told in Memorandum

TWELFTH NAVAL DISTRICT MEMORANDUM NO. 51-21

Subj. Benefits to Dependent Survivors of Naval Personnel, Active and Retired, are entitled; Information on

1. In a great many instances where active and retired personnel die, the widow or other dependent survivor is not cognizant of the laws covering government benefits or the procedure to be followed in obtaining them. In their uncertainty they call on some official on active duty for help and guidance. This is particularly true in the case of the survivors of retired personnel.

2. Since the persons seeking information are under personal distress, it is felt that they should not be burdened additionally with possible misleading, although well-intended, information. Therefore when Naval personnel stationed in this district are confronted with questions concerning survivor benefits; it is suggested that they not attempt to offer helpful, and perhaps erroneous, information; but that they refer the person making the inquiry to the **OFFICE OF CIVIL READJUSTMENT, ROOM 175, FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: TELEPHONE MARKET 1-3828, EXTENSIONS 258 AND 259.**

3. The Office of Civil Readjustment is prepared to give full and sympathetic service to dependent survivors regarding their benefits under existing laws and the procedure necessary to obtain them.

4. It is pointed out, however, that

survivors of active duty personnel will always be informed by the cognizant medical activity regarding burial benefits and arrangements to which they are entitled.

American Legion To Host Knoll Patients

The American Legion will be the host on Sunday, 15 July, to sixty-two Oak Knollites who have been invited to see the Oakland-San Diego Pacific Coast league baseball game in Oakland.

Transportation for the group to and from the game will be furnished. Anyone interested in seeing the game is urged to sign up at Welfare and Recreation. Busses will leave from the Community Service Building at 1200.

12ND Women's Golf Tourney Begins Soon

Plans have been announced for a women's golf tournament in the Twelfth Naval District, to begin on Wednesday, 8 August.

The tourney, sponsored by the district, is open to all service organizations in the area.

Entries must be made by 31 July. Oak Knoll personnel wishing to compete are urged to contact the Welfare and Recreation Department.

Manheim, Pa. (AFPS) — A local church paid its annual rent with one red rose. According to the terms of the deed, signed 179 years ago, Baron William Henry Stiegel stipulated that "in the month of June, yearly forever hereafter, the rent of one red rose . . ."



Three graduates of the Oak Knoll X-Ray Technicians course are shown above receiving their certificates from CAPT C. E. Bentel, MC, USN, Chief of the Radiology Service. The graduates, left to right, are Jerry Hodges, HM3, Joe Caldarazzo, HN, and George Rose, HN. Hodges has been transferred to Terminal Island, Caldarazzo to USNH, San Diego, and Rose is serving aboard the U.S.S. Consolation. The X-Ray Technicians course at Oak Knoll covers a six-month period.

Navy EM Represents U.S. On Tiny Atoll

Washington (AFPS) — One of the truly unique assignments for Navy enlisted personnel is that of Chief Storekeeper Frederick A. Probst. He will serve as American Military Government representative to the Bonin-Volcano Islands in the remote western Pacific, with headquarters on the tiny island of Chi Chi Jima.

Chief Probst will take with him his home, a crated, disassembled quonset hut. With his wife, Loretta, and 10-year-old daughter, Merrily Faye, he will live hundreds of miles from the nearest post office, grocery store, and hospital.

Food supplies must be stocked months ahead and procured from Navy cargo ships which will call four times a year. A radio will be the only contact with civilization.

Providence, R. I. (AFPS) — Eight thousand starlings were routed by 1,500 rounds of roman candle fire in a Chamber of Commerce project to get rid of the birds. The starlings returned after the last shot was fired.

Marine Major Here Wounded Six Times

One Purple Heart medal and five Gold Stars in lieu of same have been awarded to Major Jack Robert Jones, USMC, 29, who recently arrived at the Hospital for treatment of his latest wound.

Major Jones was injured 14 June, 1951 by a hand grenade on the Korean front while serving with the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division. He lost the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th fingers of his left hand.

During World War II he was awarded the Silver Star medal for heroism at Iwo Jima.

Major Jones is a Utah man and graduate of the Utah State Agricultural College at Logan, Utah.

Lunenburg, Mass. (AFPS) — When Army Reservist Daniel P. McGuire was recalled to active duty, this town suffered. McGuire held the posts of town clerk, town treasurer, tax collector, clerk of the board and selectman, board of health agent, and veterans' agent.



Northern California Department of the Marine Corps Auxiliary Tuesday, 26 June, formally presented to Oak Knoll a new television set, located on Ward 65B. The set is a gift of the 14 Auxiliaries in the Northern California area, and funds for its purchase were raised through raffles, games, bake sales, and by many other methods. Present at the presentation were (left to right) Auxiliary Members Alma Steinbeck, Laura Frink, Septima Tucker, Julia Girard, SGT Ralph Rogers, USMC, a patient on 65B, Mrs. Grace Wolford, Auxiliary Hospital Aide, who spearheaded the fund drive; CPL Robert Buttery, also a patient; Ruth Henderson, Marion Taylor, Madge Waples, CAPT E. H. Dickinson, who accepted the set on behalf of the hospital, and Emma McKenley. Seated in front of the group are two more auxiliary members, Maryel Winkler and Helen Steeves. The Auxiliaries, still collecting funds, plan to present another set to the hospital, and have also contributed a number of magazine subscriptions to the library.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 1 July

WARPATH—Edmond O'Brien, Dean Jagger, WESTERN. This Technicolor drama is based on one of the most thrilling pages in the history of America's Western frontier, the Sioux war of 1876 in which Custer made his famous last stand. The story concerns an ex-captain of the Union Army who joins the U.S. Cavalry in the Dakota territory as a private to find and kill the remaining two members of the trio that accidentally murdered his fiancée in a bank robbery 11 years before. The picture is peppered with rousing battles in which hundreds of cavalrymen and Indians surge across the screen. The movie has been given a rating of very good.

Monday, 2 July

LADY EVE — Barbara Stanwyck, Henry Fonda. This one is either very new or rather old, since no information can be found concerning it. From the two stars, however, it is a safe bet the movie is probably in the upper brackets as far as quality is concerned.

Tuesday, 3 July

TWO GUYS AND A GAL — Janis Paige, Robert Alda. This one definitely is a new one, set for release to the public on June 29. Up to this point no critics' appraisals are available. It is probably safe to say that the movie leans toward the light comedy side, and if Miss Paige does any dancing it is certain to be a success.

Wednesday, 4 July

DESTINATION TOKYO — Cary Grant, John Garfield. This is an old one, and was reissued to the public on June 4, 1950. The movie has been given a rating of good by the critics. If you like your movies packed with action and believe this one is right down your line, what with two tight-fisted, strong-armed men in the leading roles.

Thursday, 5 July

MARK OF THE RENEGADE — Richard Montalban, Cyd Charisse. No information is available on this movie.

Friday, 6 July

THAT'S MY BOY — Dean Jagger, Jean Lewis. COMEDY. Here is a new one that is not scheduled for public release until August, 1951. There is little doubt concerning its make-up, however, what with the name Jagger and Lewis also fronting top stars. If you need a good laugh this would be the film to see.

Saturday, 7 July

TREASURE ISLAND — Bobby Driscoll, Robert Newton. No, this one is not about the Treasure Island sailors in one way or another, but we are so familiar with the story that we are sure the movie is a rating of "very good" anyway. A fairly big crowd of movies go, this one was released in 1950. The fact that it was rated so high by the critics and the added attraction of its being in color should be a good drawing card.

Scuttlebutt

By DERF

OAK KNOLL UNIVERSITY: More and more degrees roll into Oakie Knoll as Reserves continue to toddle in for a year's tour or more. We have enough men with degrees and experience to start a university. There would be a College of Liberal Arts, Medicine, Mortuary Science, Pharmacy and Nursing.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS: Let's have Andy McClain for Academic Dean—Jean Naylor (who just acquired another degree) would have the Professorship of Biology—"Mugsie" Mahoney could give the distaff section their PhysEd while Tom Moore gives the fellows their push-ups—The Pride of San Jose State, Vince Padilla, would probably be Head of the Industrial Arts Department—Expounding on sound business trends in Marketing and Accounting we'd hear Ray Hopson and Walt Peterson—Criticizing future Hemingways and Dos Pasos' would be Bob Rampton—Journalism is Glenn Speidel's forte—Extolling the beauty of Cervantes' prose and wit of Lope de Vega let's have Don Mason—Spanish conversation we'd leave to the University of Mexico's Lennie Livingston—Conjugating French verbs and describing the development of the French novel would be Monsieur Jean Fontenot—On geological field trips we'd accompany Pete Bowers and Elwood Sumners—Bob Naughton would be the pedagogue in Biochemistry—Jurisprudence (especially the lighter side of Blackstone) has been relegated to Tom Raum—Training the future Luther Burbanks we'd have Howard Kelso—Scientific and conversational German would be presided over by Herr Charlie Bartruff—Waxing didactic on the history of the American Colonies and on English syntax we'd encounter Professor Bob Huggins—Banking and its intricacies would be explained by Roy Coon—Dental Dilly Jim Fountain might be persuaded to leave his instruments of torture to give a few lectures on Psychological Testing and Abnormal Psych—The mysteries of chemistry would have to be explained by Nevada U.'s Bill Johnson, Warren Ludi and Conrad Arnold—All you criminology fans would probably sign up for John Brimer's courses—Wonder how many linguistic students would sign up for Fred Comas' Romance Philology classes—Spouting off steam about Schopenhauer, Kant, Santayana, Proust, et al., we'd find the Philosopher Dick Mantiglia—For a study of Comparative Religions or a course on the Prophets we might enroll in Fred Adams' classes—Music Appreciation and Composition could be handled by John Erickson—Speech and Radio is Frank Campbell's field.

COLLEGE OF MORTUARY SCIENCE: Nominated for the Deanship of this lively school is Charlie Atwill—Embalming will be presided over by Thomas Burns—Bill Jones would be surrounded by cosmetics in his Cosmetology classes—Anatomy and Restorative Art is being taught by Cecil Hickman—Making sure the boys didn't tangle with lily-law we'd have Fred Raymond expounding on Mortuary Law and Administration—The Dean of this College wants to sponsor a weekly journal entitled "Grave Thoughts."

Taffs

By Armed Forces Press Service

Pet Peeve Dept.: Old men who fall asleep on my shoulder on the bus.
Old women who fall asleep on my shoulder on the bus.
Young women who stay awake.

"If your children become unmanageable, switch their attention."
Puzzled Parent: "Switch their what?"

Famous last words: "Would you like to step outdoors and say that again?"

Ho Hum: "Give me a sentence using the word bewitches."
Ham: "Youse go ahead—I'll bewitches in a minute."

Just once we'd like to see a waiter courageous enough to place the check on the table face up.

The difference between a man and a flea is that when a flea goes to the dogs he is happy about it.

See the happy moron.
He doesn't give a d—n;
I wish I were a moron.
Oh, gosh! Perhaps I am!

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY: The Regents of the University are still debating announcements on this Faculty. Tentatively, "S" "J" Colley will be among the herbs in Materia Medica and Toxicology—The chemistries, qualitative and quantitative, are being shared by Barrant Lind and Bob Walker—Operative and Dispensing Pharmacy are under the guidance of Kansas U.'s Bob Gibson (who has had a new drug patented)—One of the youngest on the "Pill Pushers" Faculty will be Harold Keller and his slide rule taking over Pharmaceutical Math.

After the next Board of Regents meeting we'll announce the other faculties.

Welcome and Farewell

Traffic out of Oak Knoll was somewhat heavier than traffic into the hospital as far as the staff was considered during the past week. When the week had ended 30 staff members had been transferred to other activities as compared to 21 new arrivals.

Reporting aboard during the week were LTJG B. N. Hanker, NC, USNR and LTJG R. E. Niemi, NC, USNR, both from inactive duty; LT L. R. M. Henry, NC, USNR, from inactive duty; LT Catherine Swain, NC, USN, from MSTSPac, San Francisco; LTJG J. B. Landis, MCR, USNR, from civilian life.

HM1 G. M. Long; HM2's R. C. Price, F. A. Meek, J. N. McCoy, H. A. Dunnell and C. T. Friesz; HM3's J. C. Cox, V. P. Teisca, L. M. Clark, F. Phillips, W. F. Werner, F. W. Cole, K. C. Dougherty and P. A. Wynn, and HN D. A. Mason, all from USN RECSTA, T. I., and HM3 J. S. Edwards, from USS Diachenko.

Detached during the week were LTJG "E" Marie Smith, NC, USN, to civilian life; LTJG J. A. Fiebing, MCR, USNR, to USS Gardiners Bay; LTJG S. C. Cook, MC, USNR, and LTJG D. W. Terry, MC, USNR, to MSTs, San Francisco.

HMC's R. F. Waldrop, to MSTs, San Francisco, and H. B. King to USNRECSTA, T. I.; HM2 A. R. Woldberg, to NSD, Clearfield, Utah; HM3's W. A. Gasink, to Treasure Island, and J. D. Hodges to NS, Long Beach, Calif., and K. L. Agsten, to Camp Pendleton; HN's C. J. Ambacher, P. H. Daniel, J. J. Favatella, R. W. King, C. L. Payne, D. E. Porter, D. L. Sears, V. R. Sells and M. A. Kenney, all to USNH, Chelsea, Mass.; HN's R. L. Cahoon, O. E. McGuire, and R. V. Woods to USNH, Corona, Calif.; HN's G. B. Rose, P. E. Master-son, R. L. McCuen, and R. D. Urbach to FTC, San Diego; HN's D. M. Hardy, R. N. Low, and J. C. Lane to Camp Pendleton; and HN J. N. Calderazzo, FFT T. I.



CDR Kurzrok Joins Staff at Chelsea

One of the most popular and well-known officers at Oak Knoll left recently when CDR Milton Kurzrok was transferred to the U. S. Naval Hospital at Chelsea, Mass.

CDR Kurzrok, head of the Department of Pediatrics here since 17 July 1946, will hold the same post at Chelsea.

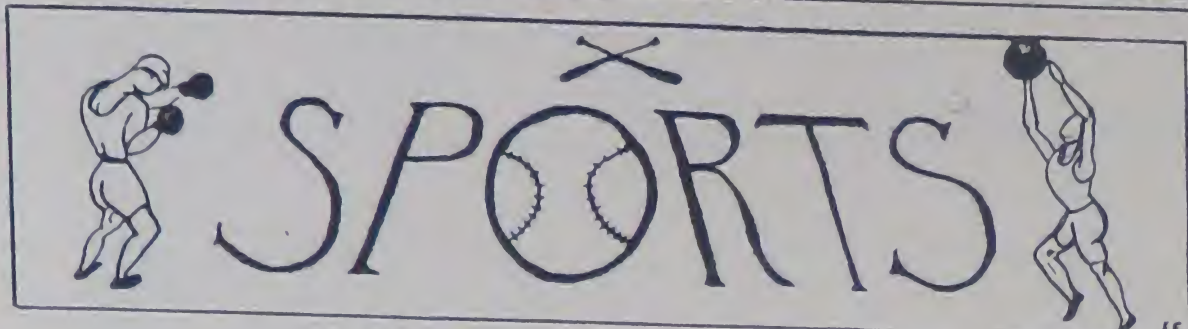
A top flight golf and tennis player, he recently won the finals in an intra-hospital singles tennis tourney and teamed with Dr. Suess to walk off with top honors in the doubles tourney.

Of more importance to the hospital, however, was his outstanding treatment of erythroblastic infants born at the hospital. CAPT Morris M. Rubin, MC, USN, Head of the Oak Knoll Department of Obstetrics, stated that this hospital's record in handling such cases is due in large part to CDR Kurzrok's "progressive work" in this connection.

CDR and Mrs. Kurzrok have two children, Kathie and Johnny.



"I don't know—, but if it's Chow,—pay,—haircuts,—or liberty,—I NEED IT!"



Knoll "Sprinters" Lose Wild Tilt To Travis Crew By 29-18 Margin

If members of Oak Knoll's baseball team appear in the near future as track stars, there will be a good reason. The hospital "sprinters," in losing one tilt and winning another in the past week circled the base paths 37 times to score that many runs.

That is a lot of runs in any man's league. But it doesn't stop there. Oak Knoll's opponents in the two games racked up a total of 40 runs, 29 of which came in a three-and-a-half hour affair played at Travis Air Force Base on Tuesday, 26 June.

The other game, which Oak Knoll won from NAS Oakland on 19 June by a score of 19 to 11, was reported last week.

The affair at Travis started off as a reasonable ball game and continued that way for five and a half innings. At that point Oak Knoll was leading 14 to 6.

Then it happened. Travis, in the

sixth inning, got six hits to score 10 runs, in the seventh inning added eight more hits and another 10 runs, and in the eighth inning eased off with only five hits and three runs.

The final score: Travis 29, Oak Knoll 18. Final hit total: Travis 25, Oak Knoll 14.

Both teams used three pitchers during the marathon event. Masarick started for Oak Knoll, was relieved by Winchester in "the silly sixth," who in turn bowed to Bournellis in the eighth. Travis hurlers were Sellers, Flynn and Jackson.

Amos again led the Oak Knoll hitters, collecting three for four, including a home run, while Young was close behind with three for five.

On Thursday, 28 June, Coach Reginato's sprinters will try to out-run the San Francisco Marines and on Tuesday, 3 July, will play NAS, Moffett Field and collide with NAS, Alameda, on Thursday, 5 July.

STAFFERS TO GET FREE GOLF LESSONS

Staff members at Oak Knoll can now get free professional golf instruction at the 19th Hole Driving Range, off 98th Street on Foothill in Oakland.

Two professionals will be available to give instruction every day except Monday, Friday or Saturday afternoon. The professionals, Bobby Fry and R. G. Neumier, must be notified a day in advance by anyone wishing to take a lesson.

Anyone wishing to take advantage of the free instruction is urged to contact the Welfare and Recreation department in groups of two or more.

Swimmers Prepping For District Meet

Oak Knoll tank men have begun training for the Twelfth Naval District swimming meet, scheduled for Wednesday, 11 July, at Treasure Island. Time of the meet has been set at 1930.

Representing the hospital among the contenders will be A. G. Zamsky, HN, captain of the team, who will compete in the freestyle events; LTJG A. S. Hambly, Jr., in the backstroke; D. C. Staight, HN, breaststroke; C. F. Young, HN, diving; Robert Irvine, HN, diving and freestyle, and D. K. Richardson, HN, freestyle.

The winning team will be presented with a trophy, as will the first and second placing individuals in each event. Third place winners will be awarded medals.

Furnishing entertainment between the eight events scheduled for the meet will be a group from the Crystal Plunge Club in San Francisco, with a Water Ballet.

Meanwhile, Team Captain Zamsky has sounded a call for all men who have played or would be interested in playing on a hospital water polo team for competition with civilian teams in the area.

Zamsky can be contacted at the Hospital swimming pool.

Games Won By Surgery, CPO's

Only two games, both lop-sided events, took place during the past week in Oak Knoll intra-hospital softball league action.

On Thursday, 21 June, the Civil Service Girls were victims of the Surgery II team by a score of 12 to 3, and on Tuesday, 26 June, the C.P.O. squad mopped up the N.P. Department to the tune of 13 to 1.

Other games scheduled for the balance of the week include Civil Service Girls versus the Officers on Wednesday, 27 June; and Record Office versus Independents on Thursday, 28 June.

Next week, on Monday, 2 July, the Officers will meet the N.P. Department; on Tuesday, 3 July, the Civil Service Girls are scheduled to play the Lab team; on Wednesday, 4 July, the Chiefs are slated to meet the Record Office, and on Thursday, 5 July, Surgery II will play the Independents.

Meanwhile, percentage ratings for the first round of the league, which ended on 8 June, found the Officers far out in front with seven wins against no losses. In second place was the C.P.O. squad with six wins against one loss.

They were followed by the Independents with four wins and three losses, Surgery II, Lab and the Independents each had won three and lost four; the Record Office has a record of two wins and five losses, while the Civil Service Girls had lost seven and won none.

Hospital Will Be Host At Tennis Tournament

Oak Knoll on 11, 12 and 13 July will play host to the Twelfth Naval District Tennis tournament, it has been announced by Joe Reginato, Hospital athletic director.

Featuring both singles and doubles tourneys, the District affair will bring to Oak Knoll the best net talent in the area.

Representing the Hospital at the tourney, according to present plans, will be LTJG P. H. Suess, DC, USN, Jim Brisnahan, Jim Fichter and W. W. Ash, all of whom finished among the top winners in recent intra-hospital singles and doubles tournaments.

Reginato has asked, however, that anyone on the station who considers himself tournament caliber contact Welfare and Recreation for consideration as a Hospital representative in the tourney.

Calhoun, Ga. (AFPS)—James Harris, Jr., claims the most indestructible dog. His collie has been shot four times, hit by cars three times, poisoned three times, and still is healthy.

Oak Knoll Tops Softball Contest

Oak Knoll's varsity softball team continued its winning ways on Monday 25 June by downing ACM 12, Treasure Island, by a score of 13-11.

Papadakis was the big stick for the locals, bashing out two hits, a double and a triple, in three chances at the plate. He was ably supported by several Oak Knoll singles, one each by Wong Young, Webb, Hillan, Pearsall, Pyne and Tafoya.

Three hurlers paraded to the mound for the Oak Knollers, Tafoya, who started the game and was relieved soon after by Hines, and Moore who took over in the fifth inning with the score tied at 11-all.

Clem and Perez did the mound chores for the T.I. team.

On Wednesday, 27 June, the local team put its fast-improving record on the line in a game with NAS Alameda, and on Monday, 2 July, will meet league-leading Moffett Field.

Cage, Table Tennis Tourneys Planned

A widened field of sporting events is being prepared for Oak Knollites, including plans for a not-too-distant intra-hospital basketball and table tennis tournament.

Any cage enthusiasts on the compound have been asked to begin forming their basketball teams for submission to the Welfare and Recreation department by 11 July.

The tournament will be open to anyone at the hospital, and patients, as well as staff members, may play on departmental teams. The tournament will be open to independent teams as well as departmental.

At the same time entries will be closed for the intra-hospital table tennis tourney. Here again patients as well as staff members are encouraged to pit their skill against the rest of the hospital.

For either tourney contact the Welfare and Recreation department.

Amos' .376 Average Leads Knoll Batting

Three sluggers, on Oak Knoll's baseball team still had batting averages over the .300 mark last week, with Amos leading the squad with a healthy average of .376.

In the 15 games he has played this year, Amos has stepped up to the plate 53 times and banged out 20 hits, many for extra bases, to lead his teammates.

In second place, sporting a .333 average is Paul, while Young holds down third place with a .306 average.

Here is the way the rest of the squad lines up: Bournellis, .265; McCann, .244; Dinuzzo, .242; Tamborski, .230; Estrada, .214; Wright, .170; and Hook, .166.

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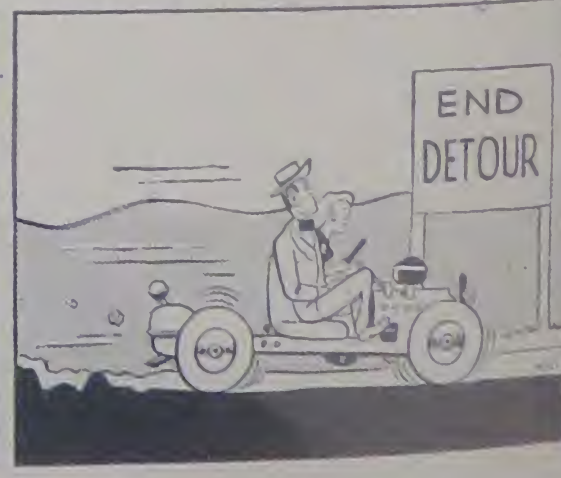
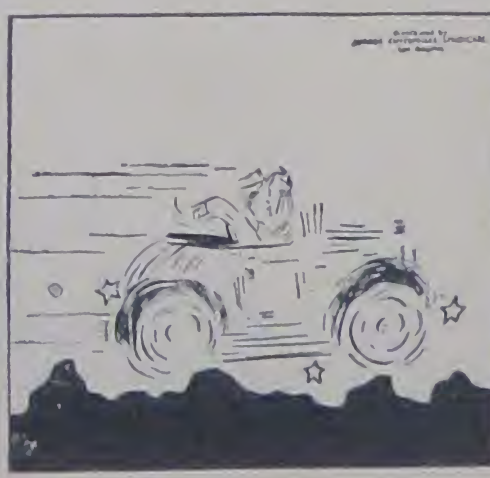
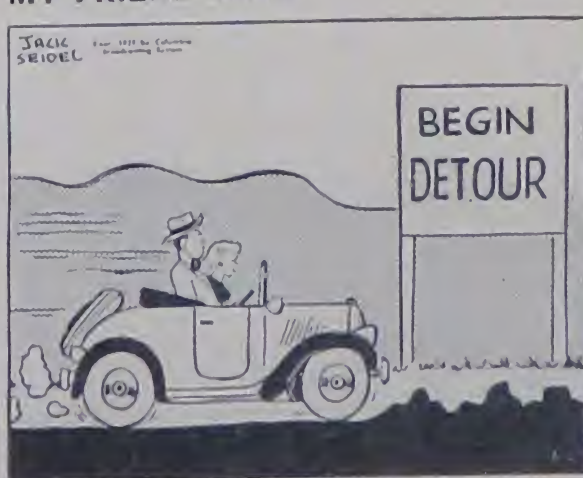
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